



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Look, the young woman is with child
and shall bear a son, and shall name
him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14b

Mary and the
Christ Child

JESUS MAFA
Cameroon





Mary and Baby
Jesus

Kathleen Peterson
Spring City, UT

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Psalm 80:1



Good Shepherd – Gunnar Torhamn, Soderakra Church, Soderakra, Sweden

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine,
that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:3



God, from Baptism of Jesus -- Lorenzo Scott, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC

...the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures...

Romans 1:3a, 2

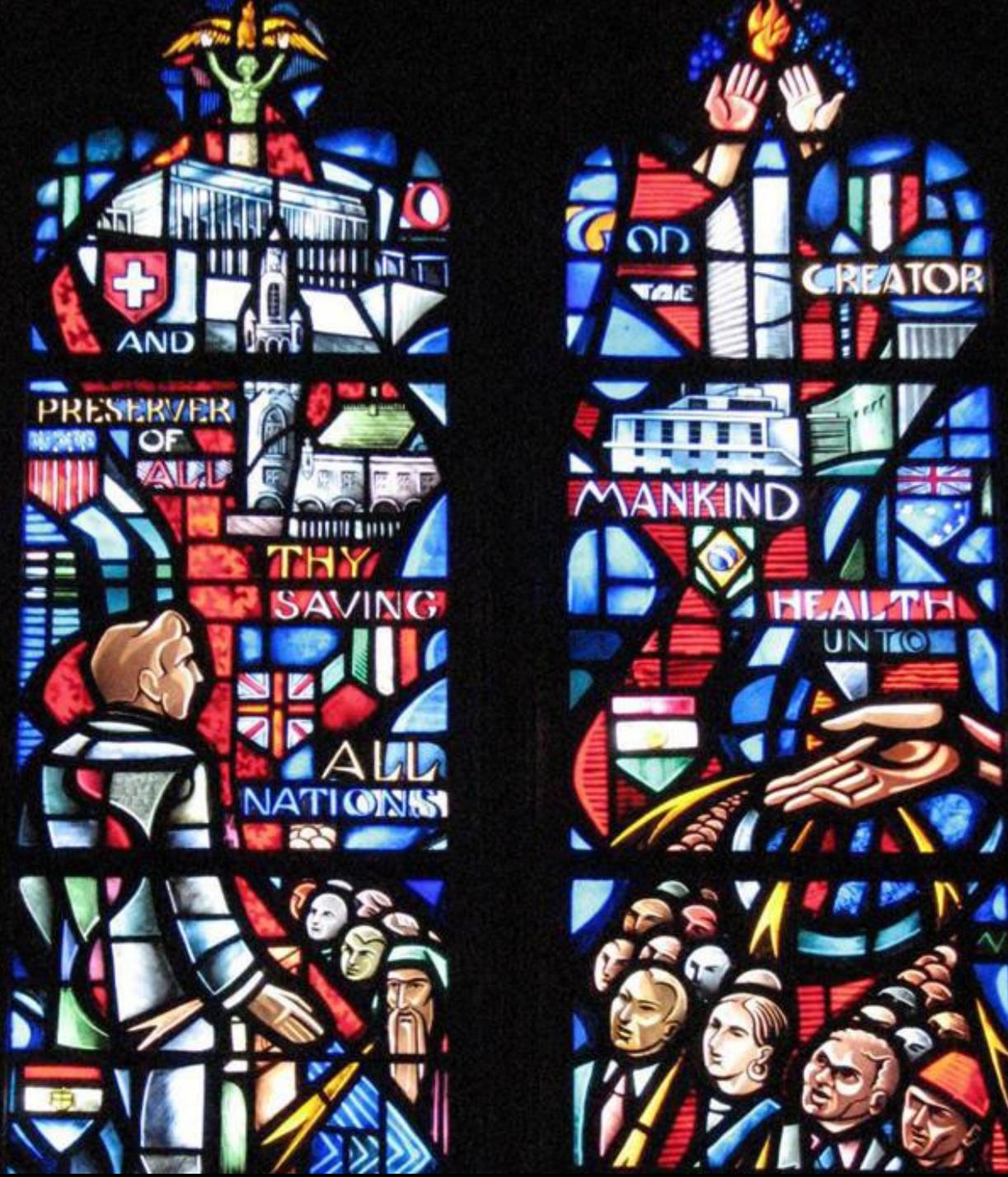


Isaiah
Prophesying the
Adoration of
Christ

Amiens Cathedral

Jesus Christ our Lord, through
whom we have received grace
and apostleship...

Romans 1:4c, 5a



AND

PRESERVER
OF
ALL

THY
SAVING

ALL
NATIONS

CREATOR

MANKIND

HEALTH
UNTIL

Saving Grace to All
Humankind

National Cathedral
Washington DC

Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7

Messenger of Peace

Barbara Pearson
Manchester, England



...she was found to be with child
from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18c

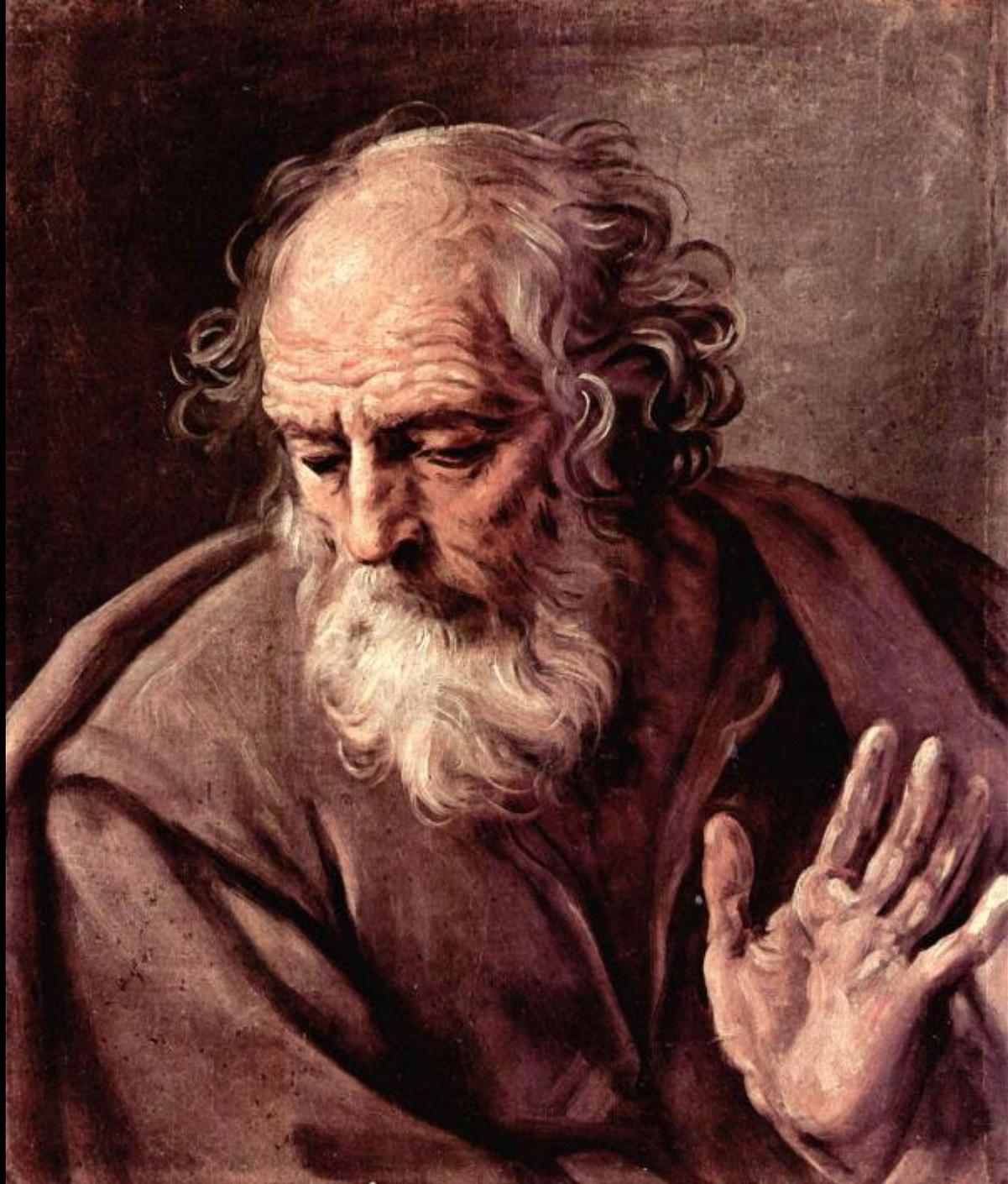


Mary with Child

Collegiate Church of
Saint Mary
Toro, Spain

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

Matthew 1:19



Joseph

Guido Reni
Palazzo Barberini
Rome, Italy

...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:20bc



Joseph's Dream -- Lille Cathedral, Lille, France

She will bear a son, and you
are to name him Jesus...

Matthew 1:21a



Joseph the Carpenter

Georges de la Tour
Louvre Museum

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1:22-23



Jesus Christ -- Mural from The Way Jesus Christ Christian Church, New Orleans, LA

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

Matthew 1:24



Marriage of Joseph and
Mary

Andrea della Robbia
Malmo, Sweden

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