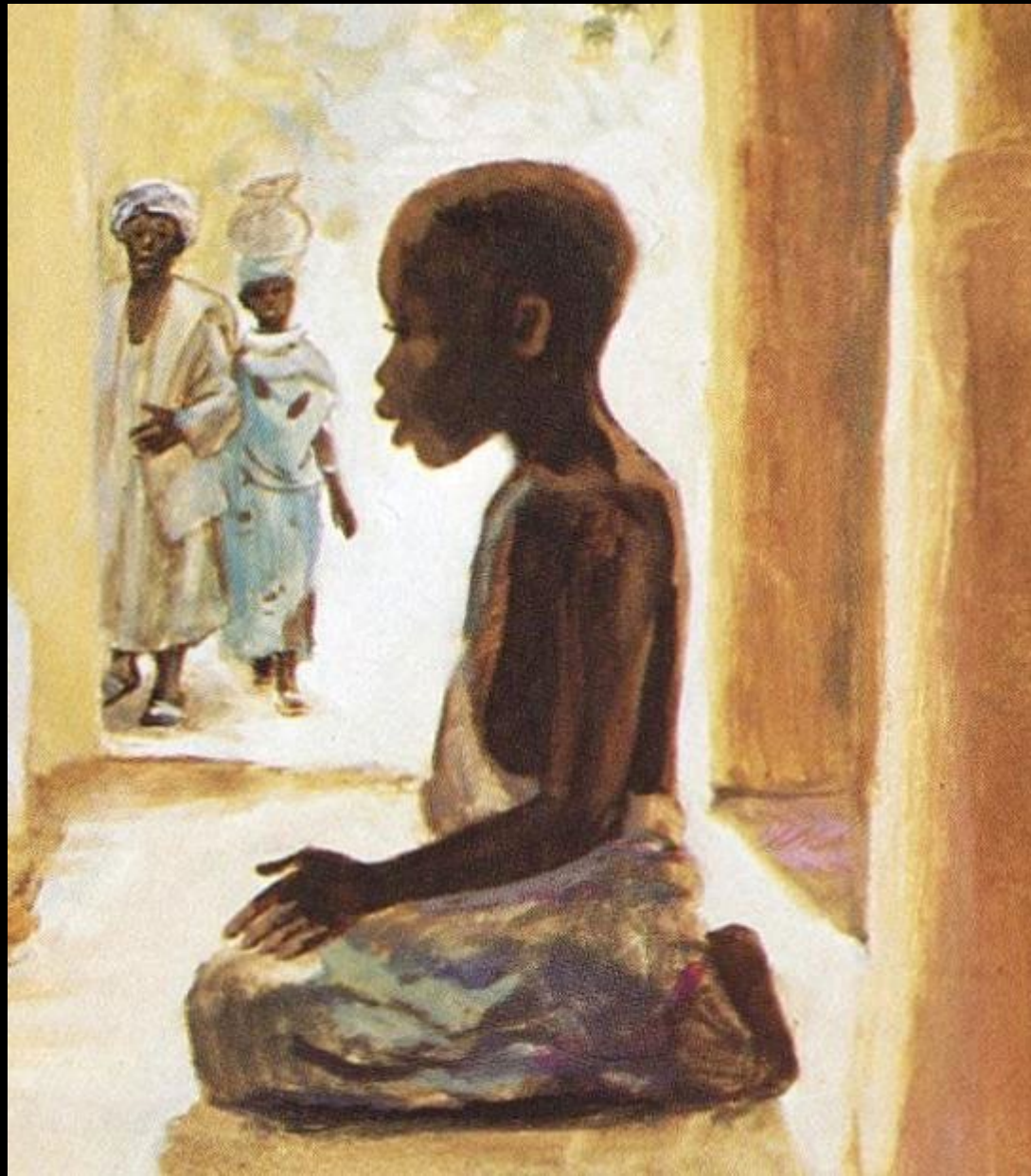
An illustration of three angels with large, feathered golden wings and circular halos. They are seated and holding a bowl of fruit. The angel on the left is a woman with dark hair, wearing a pink robe. The angel in the center is a Black woman with long dark hair, wearing a red robe. The angel on the right is a woman with dark hair, wearing a green robe. The background shows a church building and a tree.

Second Sunday of Advent *Year A*

Isaiah 11:1-10 • Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 • Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

The spirit of the LORD shall rest
on him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding...

Isaiah 11:2a



Jesus Among the Teachers -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

...with righteousness he shall judge
the poor, and decide with equity for
the meek of the earth...

Isaiah 11:4a

Contemporary Justice and Child

Symeon Shimin
Department of Justice,
Washington, DC



The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling
together, and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

Peaceable Kingdom

Rick and Brenda
Beerhorst, woodcut



May the mountains yield
prosperity for the people, and
the hills, in righteousness.

Psalm 72:3



Harvesters -- Pieter Bruegel -- Metropolitan Museum of Art

May he defend the cause of
the poor of the people, give
deliverance to the needy...

Psalm 72:4ab



Haz Justicia

Haz Justicia! -- Honduran t-shirt slogan purchased on church mission trip

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

Psalms 72:5

Gospel Choir of
Angels

Tim Ashkar
Colored print



May he be like rain that falls on
the mown grass, like showers
that water the earth.

Psalm 72:6



Rain in an Oak Forest -- Ivan Shishkin , Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia

May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing...

Romans 15:13a



Joyful Mountain Landscape – Paul Klee, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

...so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13b



Holy Trinity
(Eastern Orthodox)

Kelly Latimore

...Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Matthew 3:3c



John the Baptist Preaching to the Masses – Pieter Bruegel the Younger

I baptize you with water for
repentance, but one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me...

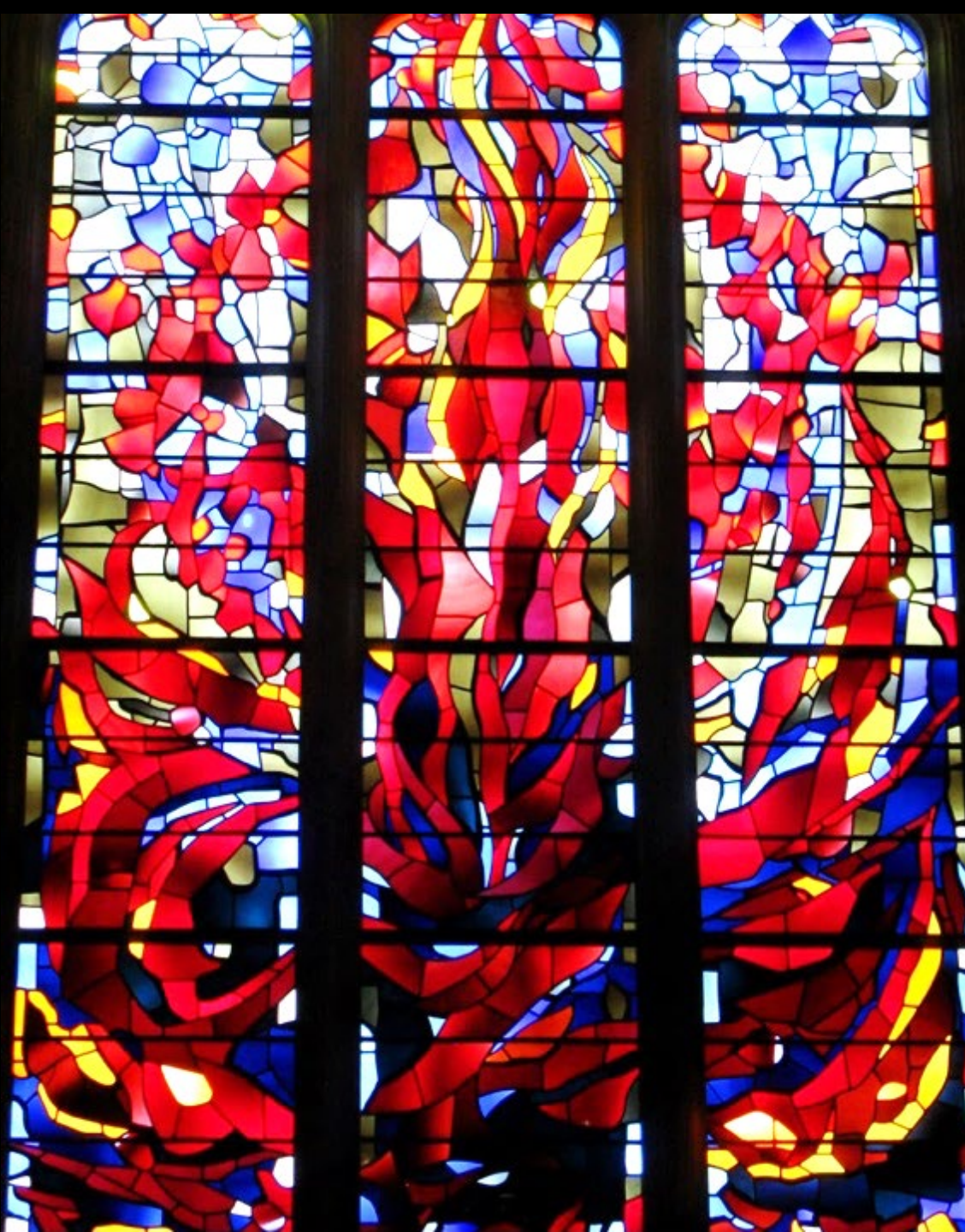
Matthew 3:11a



John the Baptist Preaching in the Desert – JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11c



Fire

National Cathedral,
Washington, DC

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