



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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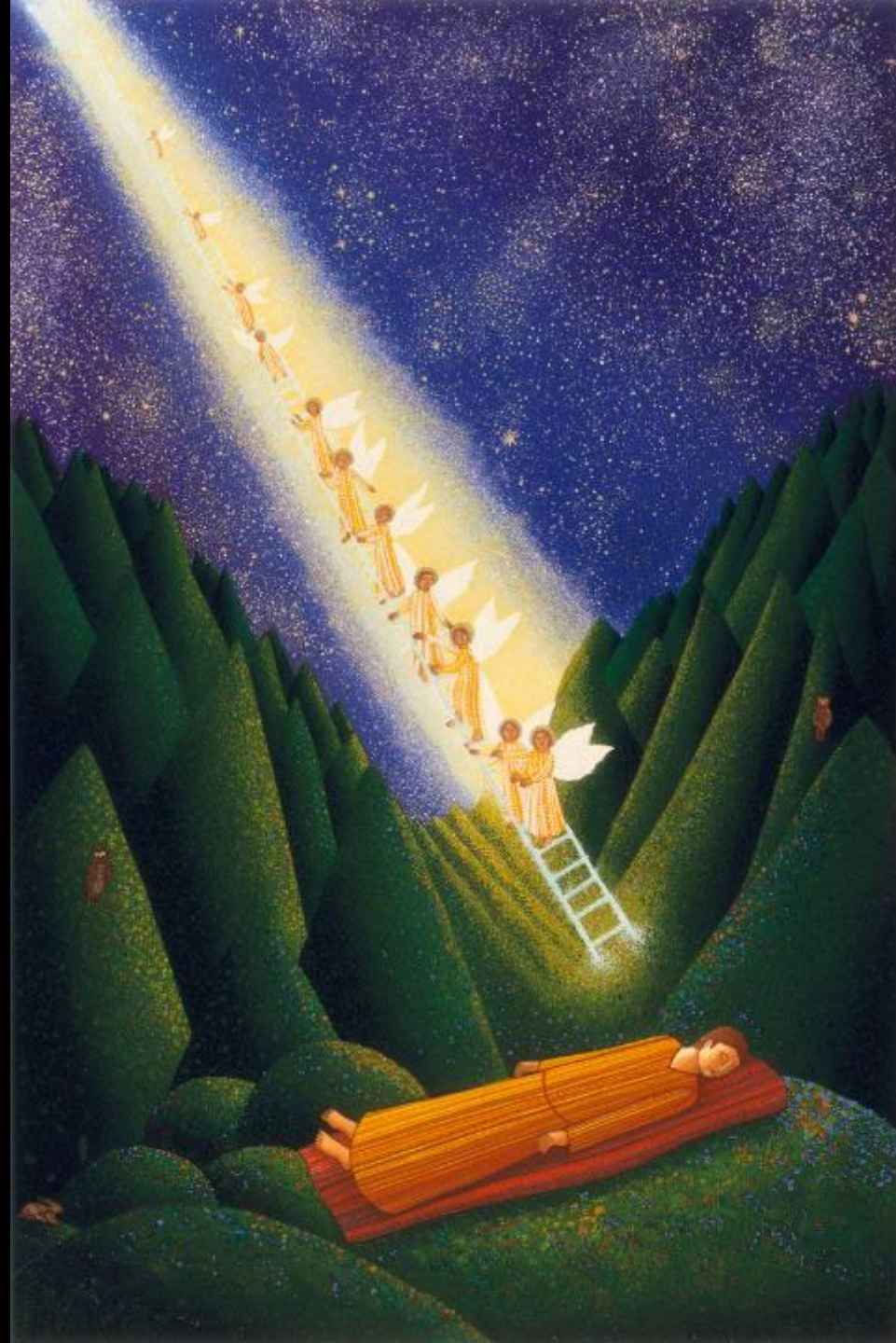
Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm
86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

And he dreamed that there was a
stairway set up on the earth, the top
of it reaching to heaven ...

Genesis 28:12a

Dream of Jacob

John August Swanson
Print, 1986

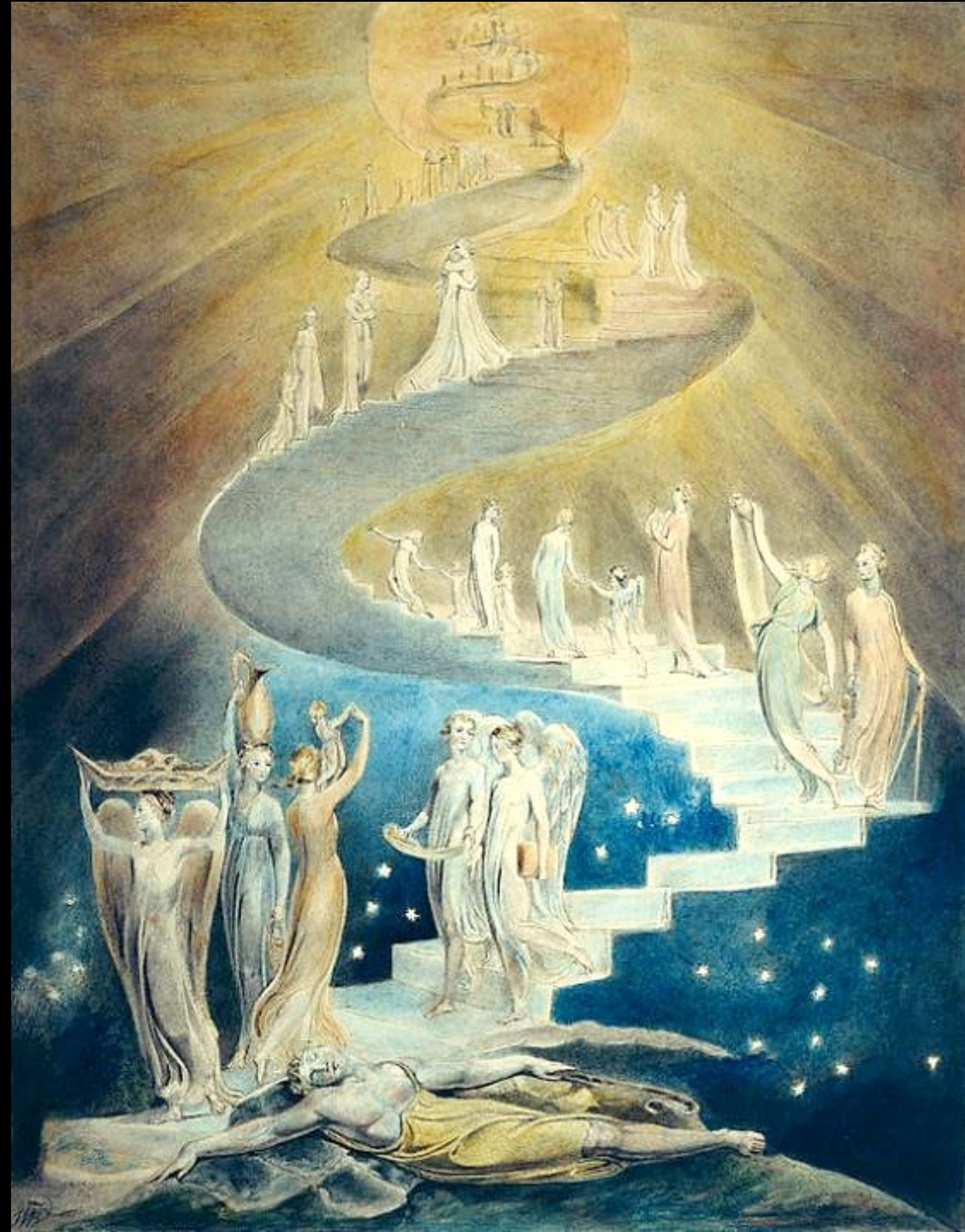


... and the angels of God were
ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 28:12b

Jacob's Dream

William Blake
British Museum
London, England



And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place!"

Genesis 28:17a

Climbing Jacob's
Ladder

J. & R. Lamb Studios
Tuskegee
University, Alabama



"This is none other than the house of
God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:17b



Diminish and Ascend -- David McCracken, Christchurch, New Zealand

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me ...

Psalm 139:9, 10a

Butterfly and Wild Rose

Shibata Zeshin
Honolulu Museum of Art
Honolulu, HI



I am the first and I am the last.

Isaiah 44:6b

Alpha and Omega

Sagrada Familia
Barcelona, Spain



Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant.

Psalm 86:16a



Fannie Lou Hamer, activist for women's and civil rights -- Kelly Latimore

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God ...

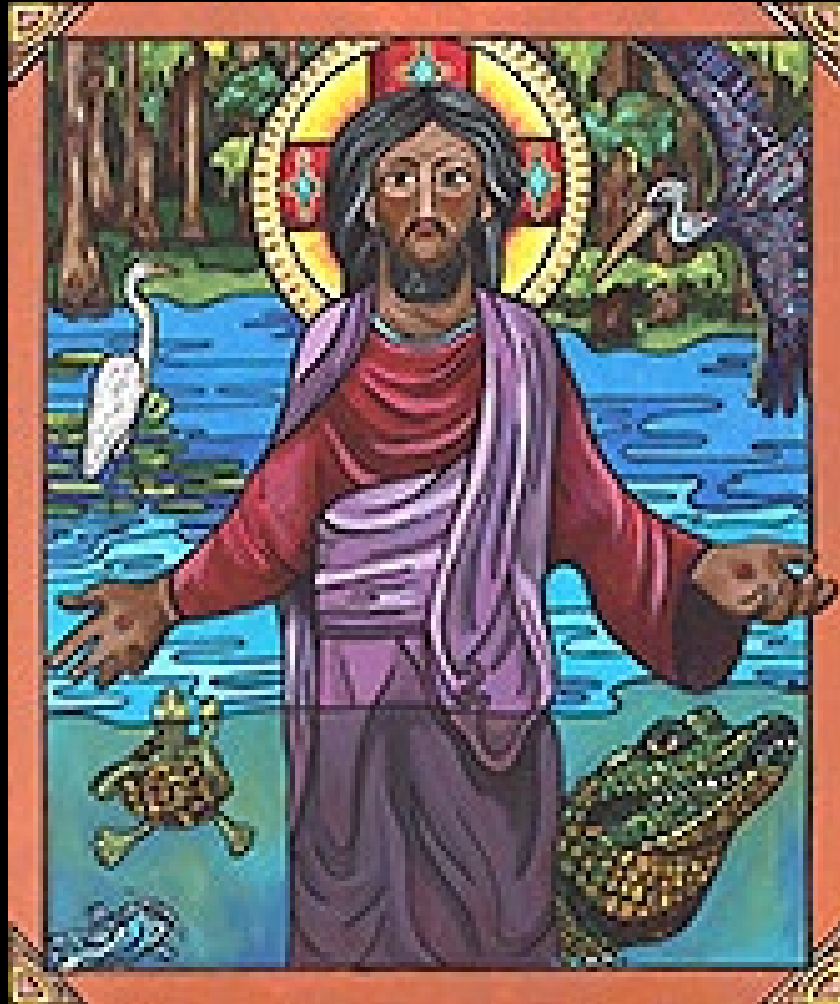
Romans 8:15c, 16

Joseph and the Christ Child

Denver Art Museum
Denver, CO



Jesus of the Bayou
Lauren Wright Pittman



"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field ... "

Matthew 13:24b



Parable of the Sower -- Greek Icon

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13:43



Angels Dancing -- Giovanni Paolo, Musée Condé, Chantilly, France

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