

A classical painting of the Nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes. Joseph is kneeling to the left, looking at the child. Several other figures, including a man in a red robe and a woman in a blue robe, are gathered around the manger. A white horse's head is visible on the right side. The scene is set in a dark, rustic stable with straw on the floor.

Nativity of the Lord III

Year A

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

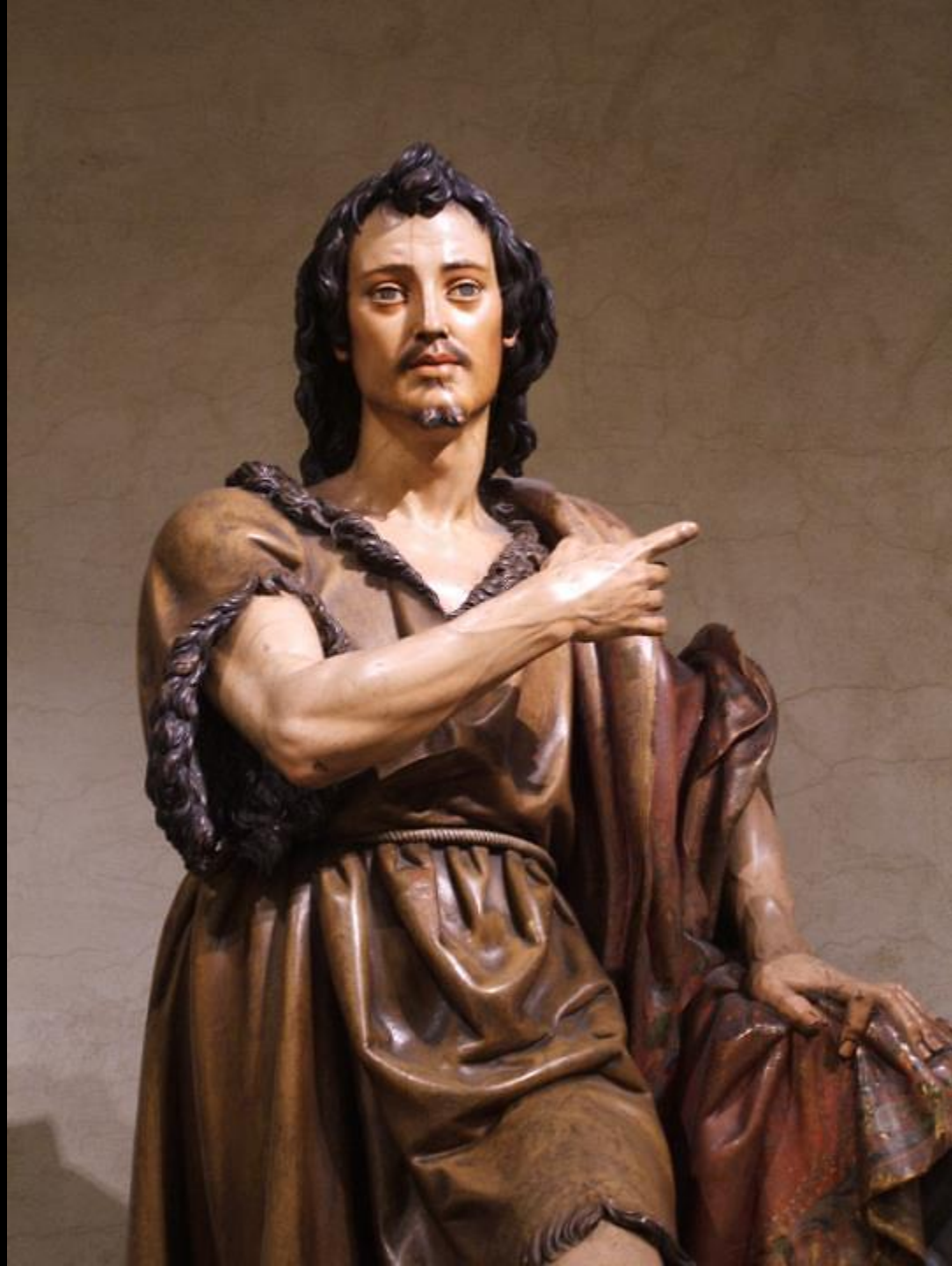
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace, who brings
good news.

Isaiah 52:7

John the Baptist

Juan Martínez Montañés
Metropolitan Museum
New York



O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1

In Tune (the prophetess
Deborah)

Lauren Wright Pittman



Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth; break forth into
joyous song and sing praises.

Psalm 98:4

Old Woman Singing
Gerrit von Honthorst
National Museum Warsaw,
Poland



With trumpets and the sound
of the horn make a joyful noise...

Psalm 98:6



The Procession -- John August Swanson

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

Psalm 98:7



The Waters

R. and I. LeCompte
Washington National
Cathedral

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy...

Psalm 98:8



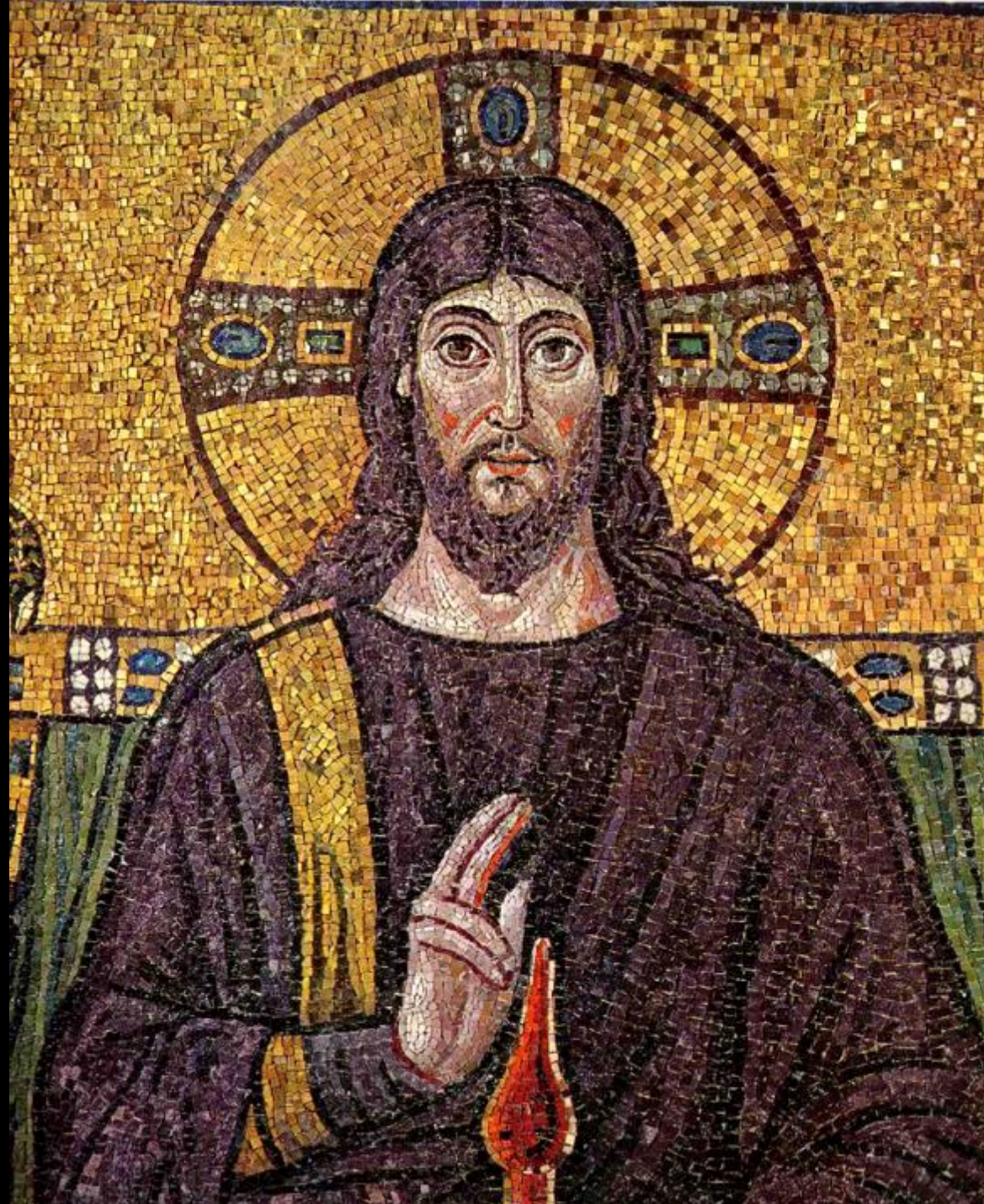
Rainbow in the Berkshire Hills -- George Inness, White House , Washington, DC

He will judge the world
with righteousness, and
the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98:9b

Christ Pantocrator

Mosaic
S. Apollinaire Nuovo
Ravenna, Italy



Long ago God spoke to our
ancestors in many and
various ways by the prophets.

Hebrews 1:1



Study for Frieze of the Prophets, Boston Public Library -- Boston Museum of Fine Arts

You are my Son; today
I have begotten you...

Hebrews 1:5b



Nativity

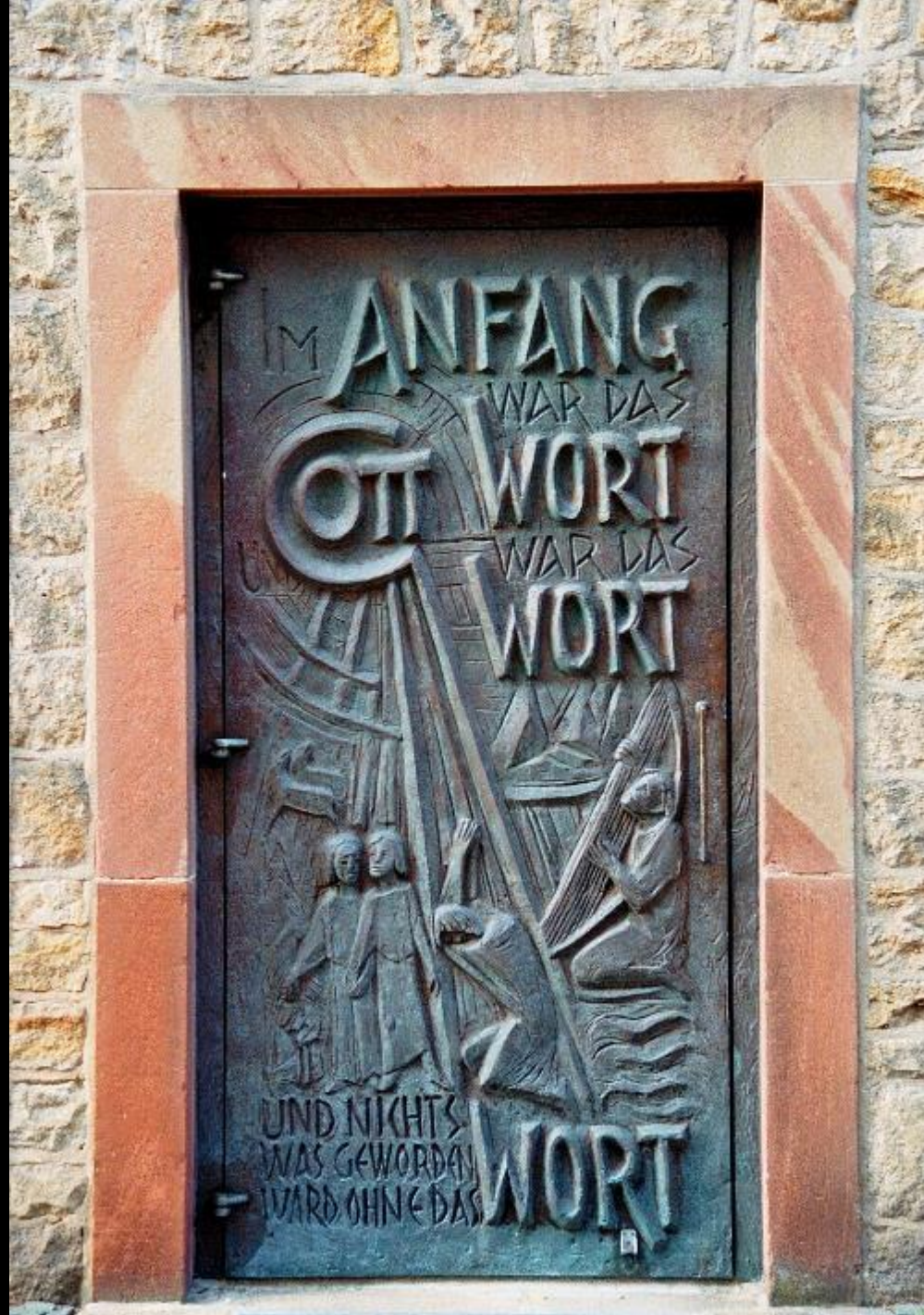
Xavier Churchyard

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

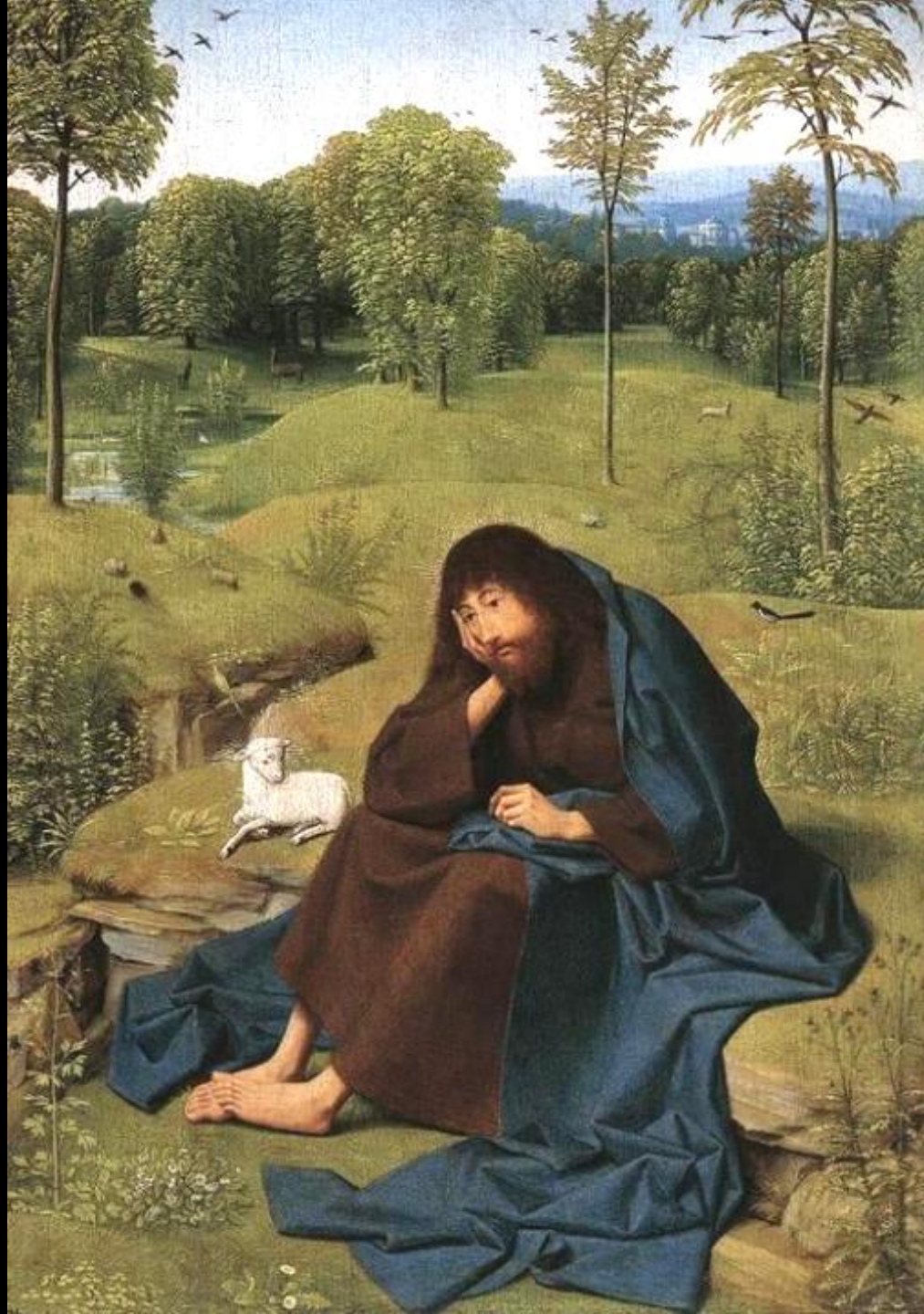
In the Beginning...

Josef Krautwald
St. Dionysius Church
Recke, Germany



There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. He came as
a witness to testify to the light, so
that all might believe through him...

John 1:6-7



John the Baptist in the Wilderness

tot Sint Jans Geertgen
Gemaldegalerie, Berlin

The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:9



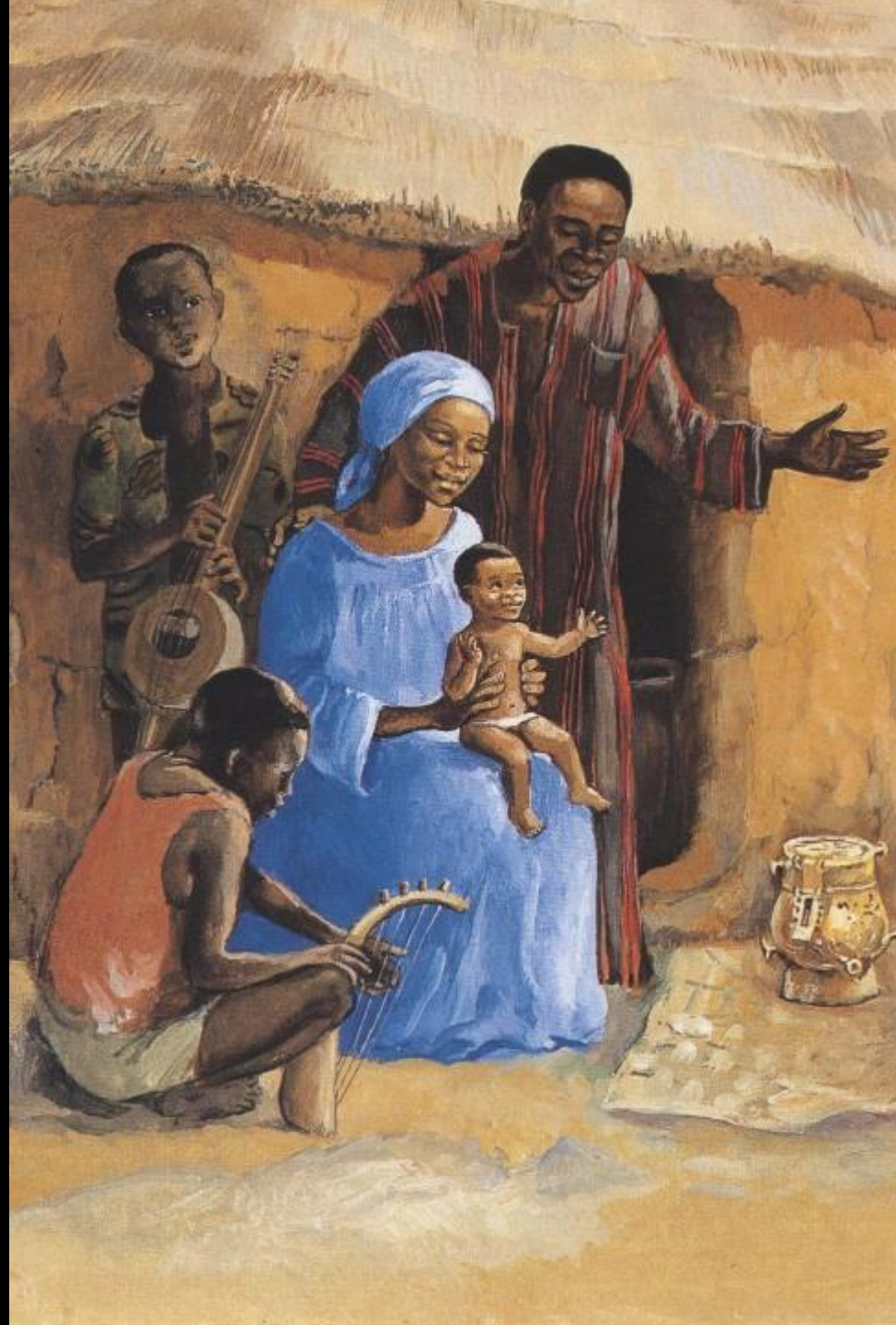
Adoration of the Shepherds -- Gerrit van Honthorst, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, Cologne

And the Word became flesh
and lived among us...

John 1:14

Jesus with his Family

JESUS MAFA
Cameroon



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