

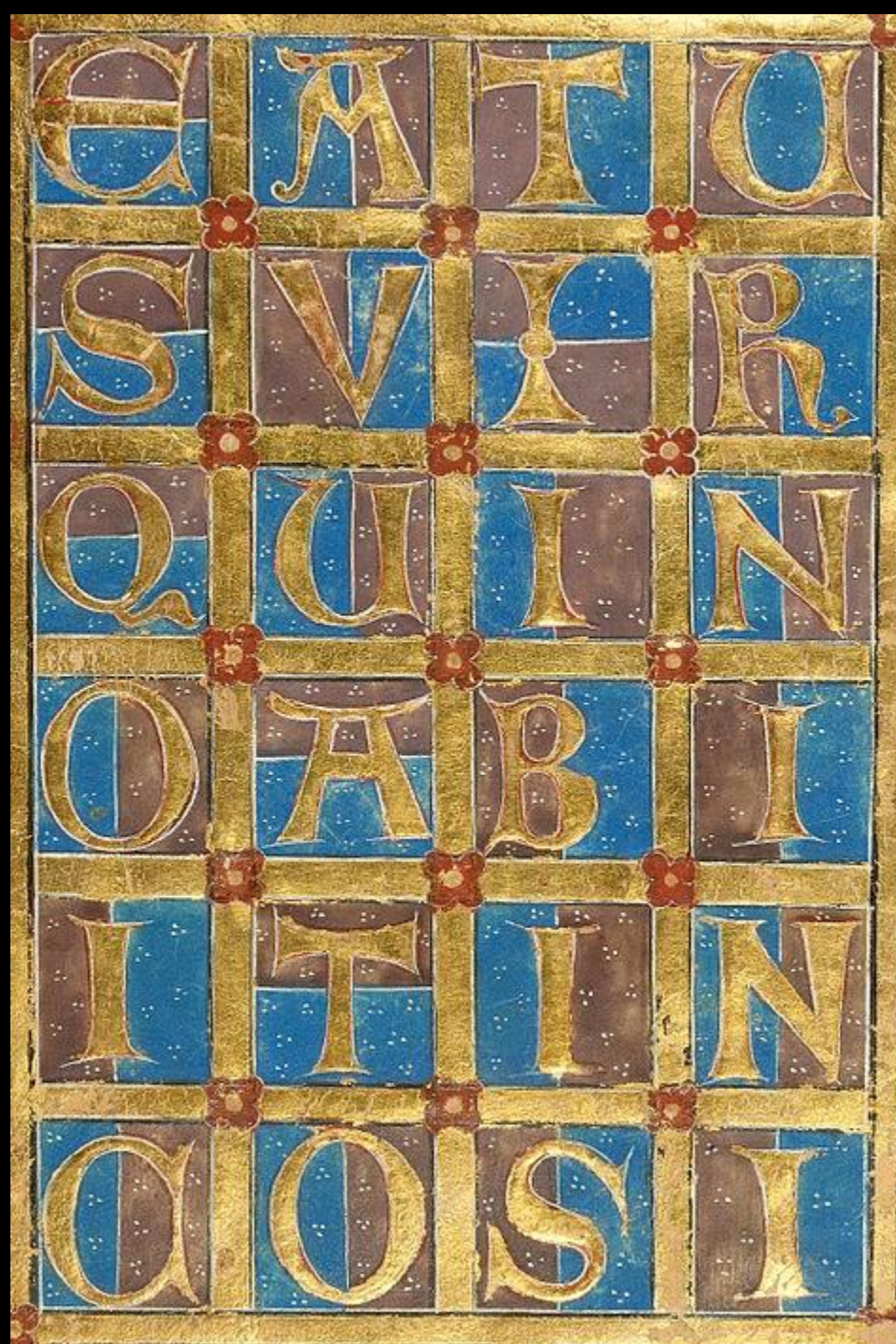
Presentation of the Lord

Year A

Malachi 3:1-4 • Psalm 84 or *Psalm 24:7-10*
Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

...he will purify the descendants of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the
LORD in righteousness.

Malachi 3:3



Text of Psalm 1

Gold and silver leaf
Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

Even the sparrow finds a home, and
the swallow a nest for herself...

Psalm 84:3a



Hummingbirds with Nest -- Martin Heade, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

...where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Psalm 84:3b



Blessing of the Birds -- Harry Mileham, St. Mary's Church, Norfolk, England

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be
lifted up, O ancient doors! that the
King of glory may come in.

Psalm 24:7

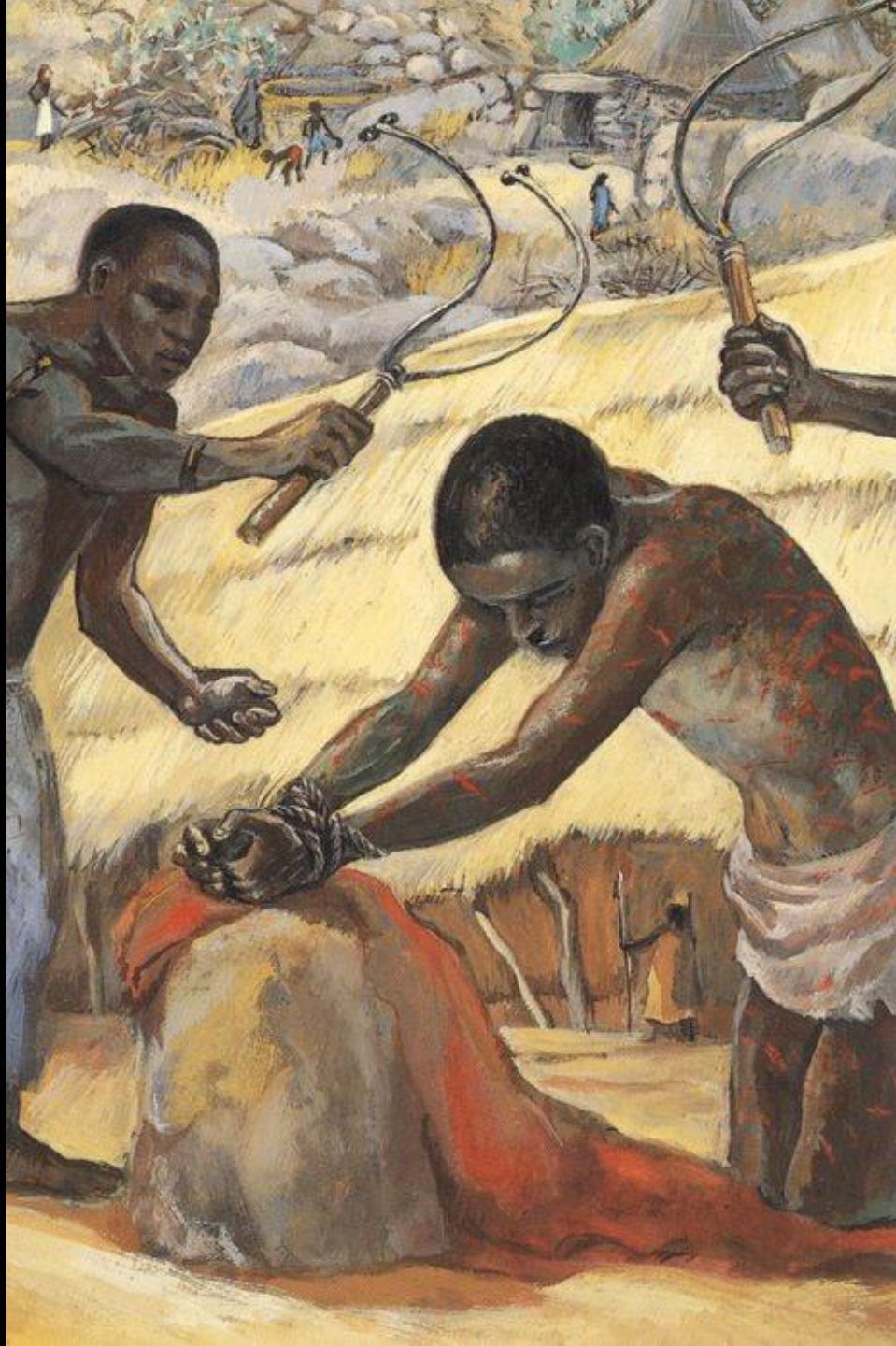


Front Gate

Ganghwa Anglican Church
Ganghwa, Korea

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18



The Flagellation

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...

Luke 2:22



Presentation in the Temple -- Kelly Latimore, Longview, TX

and they offered a sacrifice
according to what is stated in the
law of the Lord, "a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Luke 2:24

Presentation in the
Temple

G. Van den
Eeckhout
Museum of Fine
Arts
Budapest, Hungary



Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, saying, "Master, now
you are dismissing your servant in
peace, according to your word;

Luke 2:28-29



Simeon's Song of Praise (Nunc Dimittis) -- Aert de Gelder, Mauritshuis, Hague, Netherlands

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,

Luke 2:30-31



Presentation in the Temple -- Bernward's Doors, Hildesheim Cathedral, Hildesheim, Germany

...a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:32



Presentation in the Temple -- Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, CO

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed..."

Luke 2:34



Presentation in the Temple

Musee National du Moyen Age Paris,
France

so that the inner thoughts of many
will be revealed--and a sword will
pierce your own soul too."

Luke 2:35



Mary:
Keep Watch

Kelly Latimore
St. Louis, MO

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age...

Luke 2:36a

Anna and Simeon in the
Temple

Rembrandt
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Hamburg, Germany



She never left the temple but
worshiped there with fasting
and prayer night and day.

Luke 2:37b



Presentation in the Temple -- Fra Angelico, Museum of San Marco, Florence, Italy

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38

Anna, the Prophetess

Palatine Chapel
Palermo, Sicily



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



Jesus as a Child in Nazareth -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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