



# First Sunday after Christmas Day

*Year B*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

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For as the earth brings forth its  
shoots, and as a garden causes  
what is sown in it to spring up,

Isaiah 61:11a

so the Lord GOD will cause  
righteousness and praise to  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11b



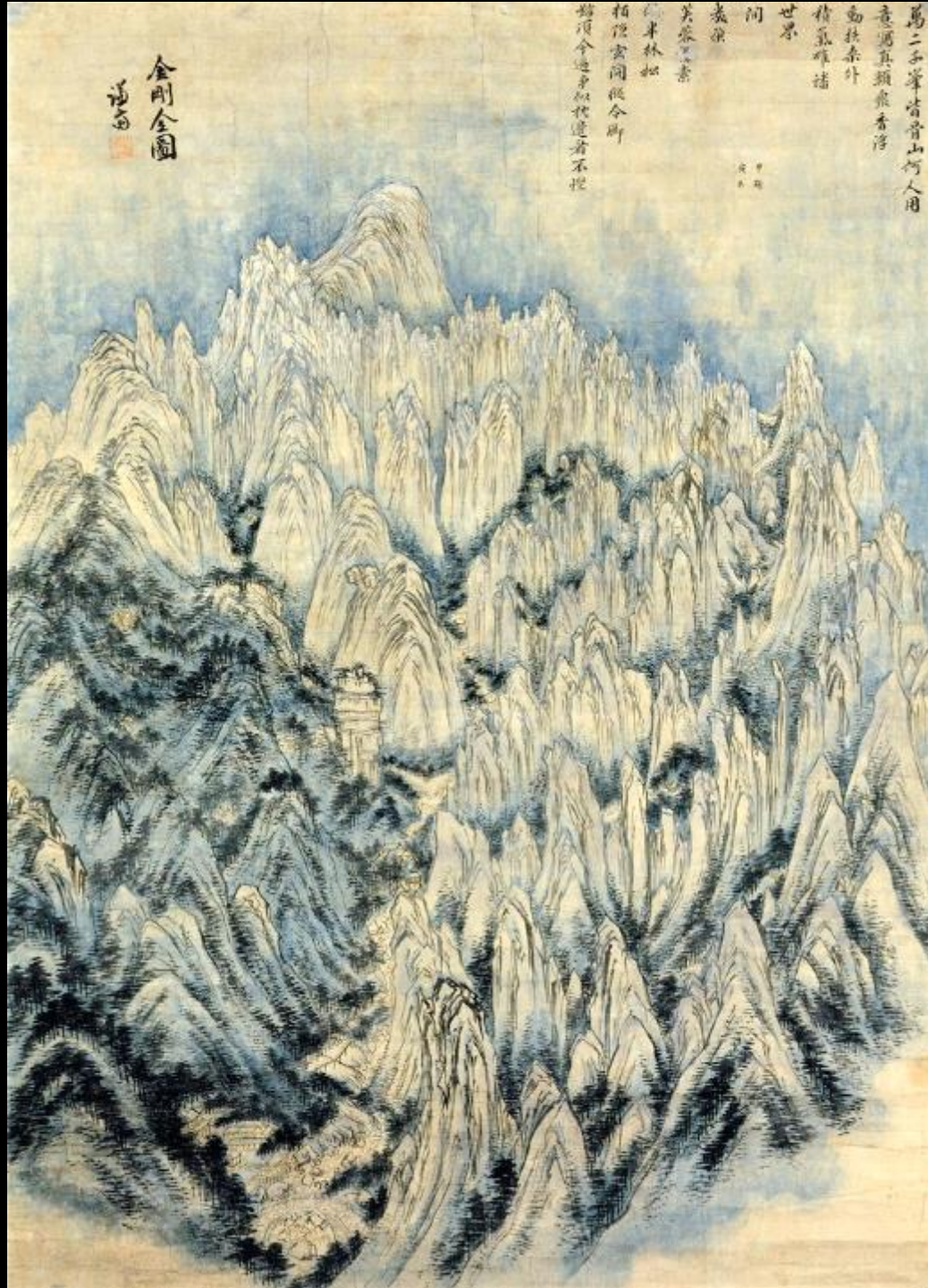


Meditation Garden -- First Presbyterian Church, Saline, MI

Praise the LORD from the earth ...  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees  
and all cedars!

Psalm 148:7a, 9





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Jeong Seon  
Ho Am Art Museum  
Seoul, Korea

God has sent the Spirit of his Son  
into our hearts, crying, "Abba!  
Father!"

Galatians 4:6b





Thankful -- Henry Ossawa Tanner

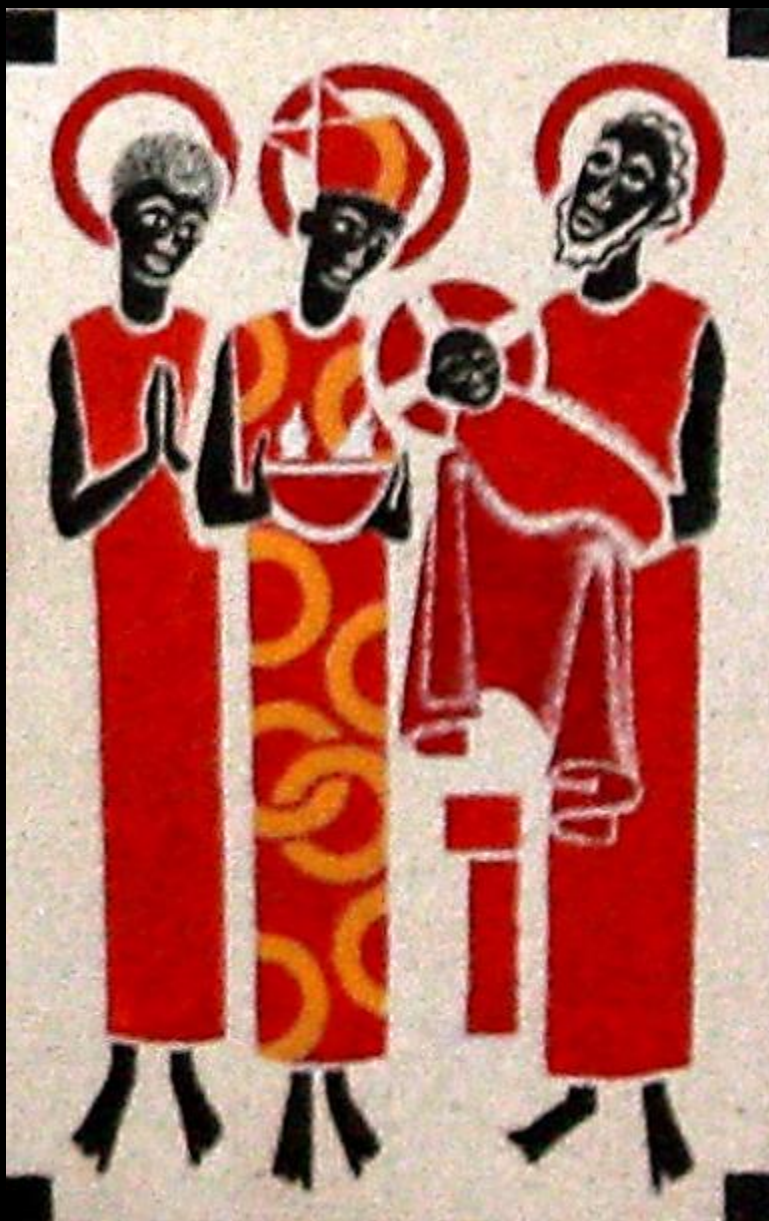


When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22

Presentation in the  
Temple

Keur Moussa Abbey  
Keur Moussa,  
Senegal







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

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

Luke 2:27





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



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





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

for my eyes have seen your salvation ...  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:30, 32



Simeon's Song of  
Praise

Aert de Gelder  
Mauritshuis  
The Hague,  
Netherlands



Then Simeon ... 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



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

Luke 2:35

Presentation in the  
Temple, detail

Andrea Mantegna  
Gemaldegalerie  
Berlin, Germany





There was also a prophet, Anna ... She was of a great age ... She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

Luke 2:36a, 37b



The Prophetess Anna

Rembrandt  
Kunsthistorisches  
Museum  
Vienna, Austria

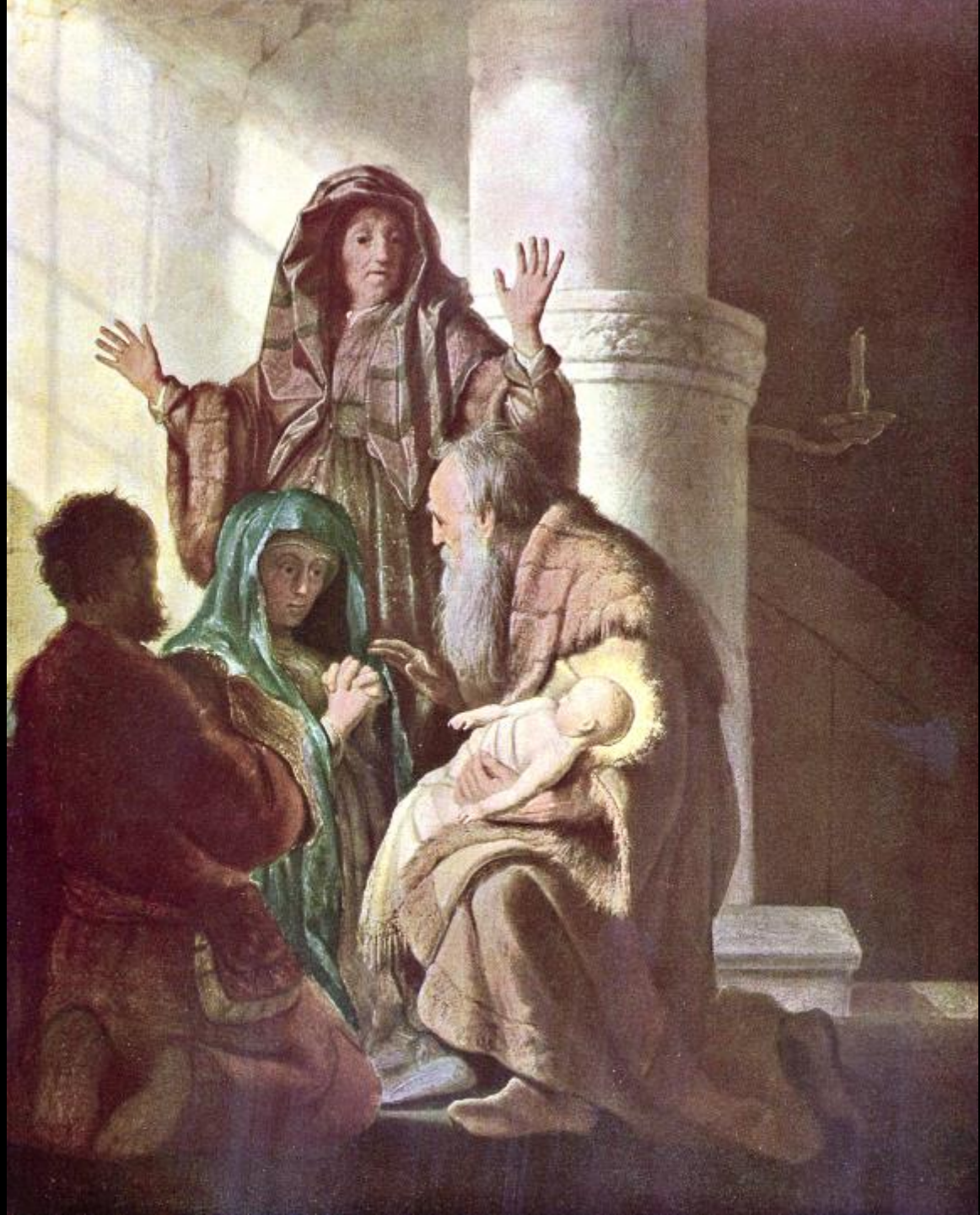


At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38

Presentation in the Temple

Attributed to Rembrandt  
Kunsthalle Museum  
Hamburg, Germany





When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

Luke 2:39

The Holy Family  
Basilica of Notre  
Dame  
Lujan, Philippines





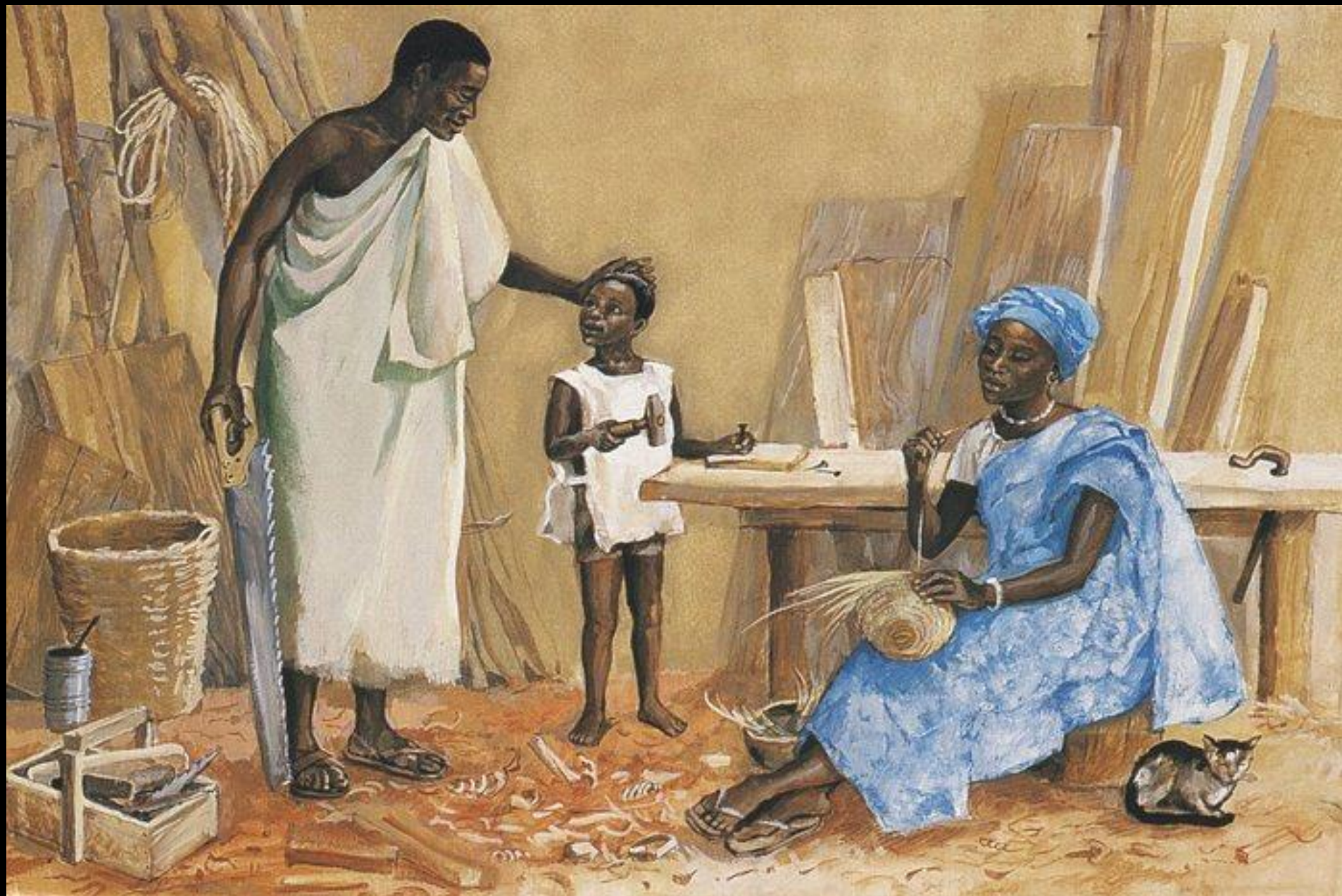


The Holy Family -- Esteban Murillo, Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain

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

Luke 2:40





Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Nazareth -- JESUS MAFA

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