

A painting depicting a church service. A priest in a white robe stands on the left, reading from a scroll. A group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered around him. In the foreground, a young boy sits on the floor, looking towards the priest. In the background, two women carry bundles on their heads, walking through an arched doorway. The scene is set in a room with warm, golden light.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 • Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52

Now the boy Samuel continued to
grow both in stature and in favor
with the LORD and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:26

Samuel's Prayer Testing in
the Temple

School of Rembrandt

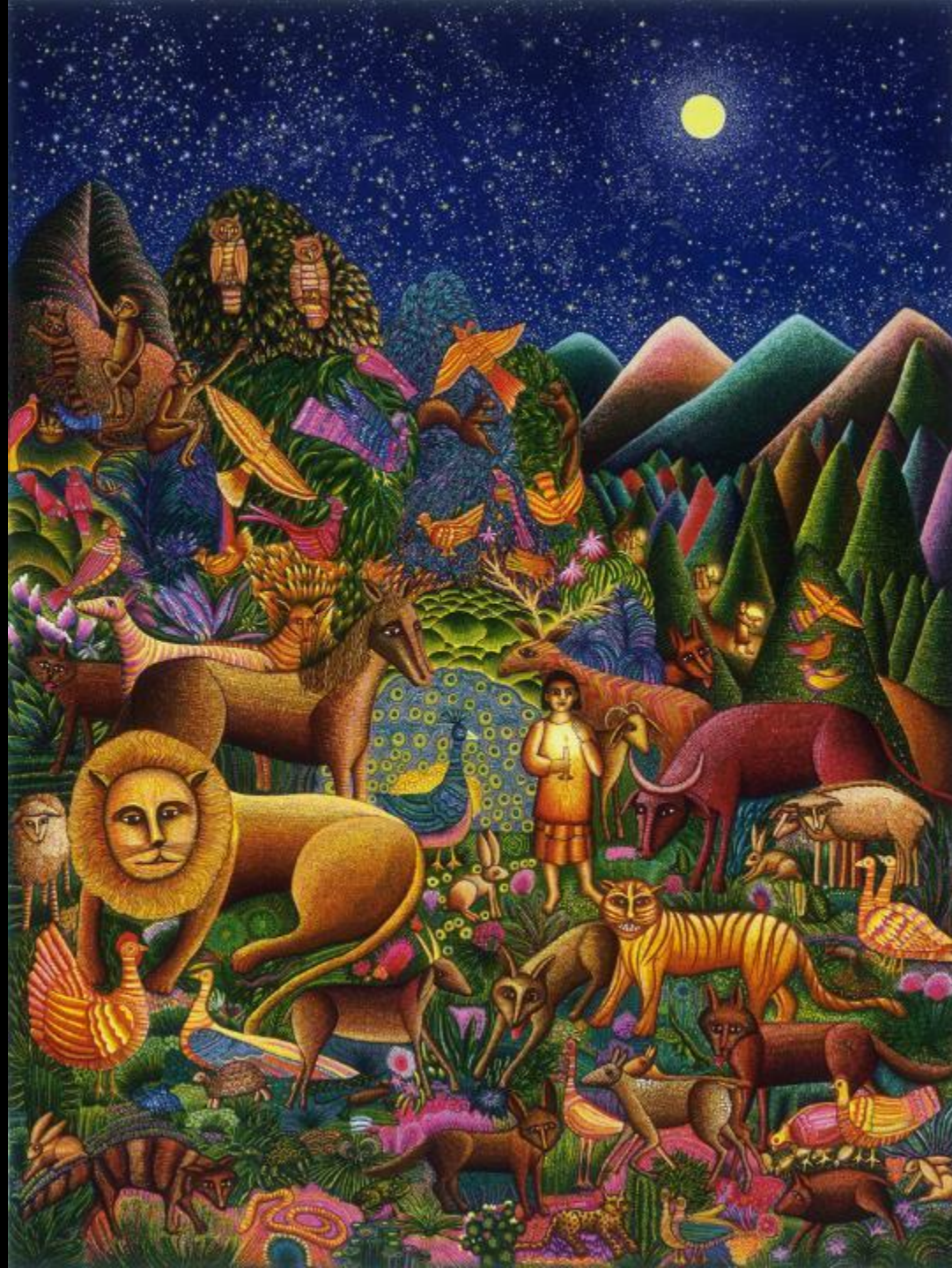


Praise the LORD from the earth ...
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping
things and flying birds!

Psalm 148:7a, 10

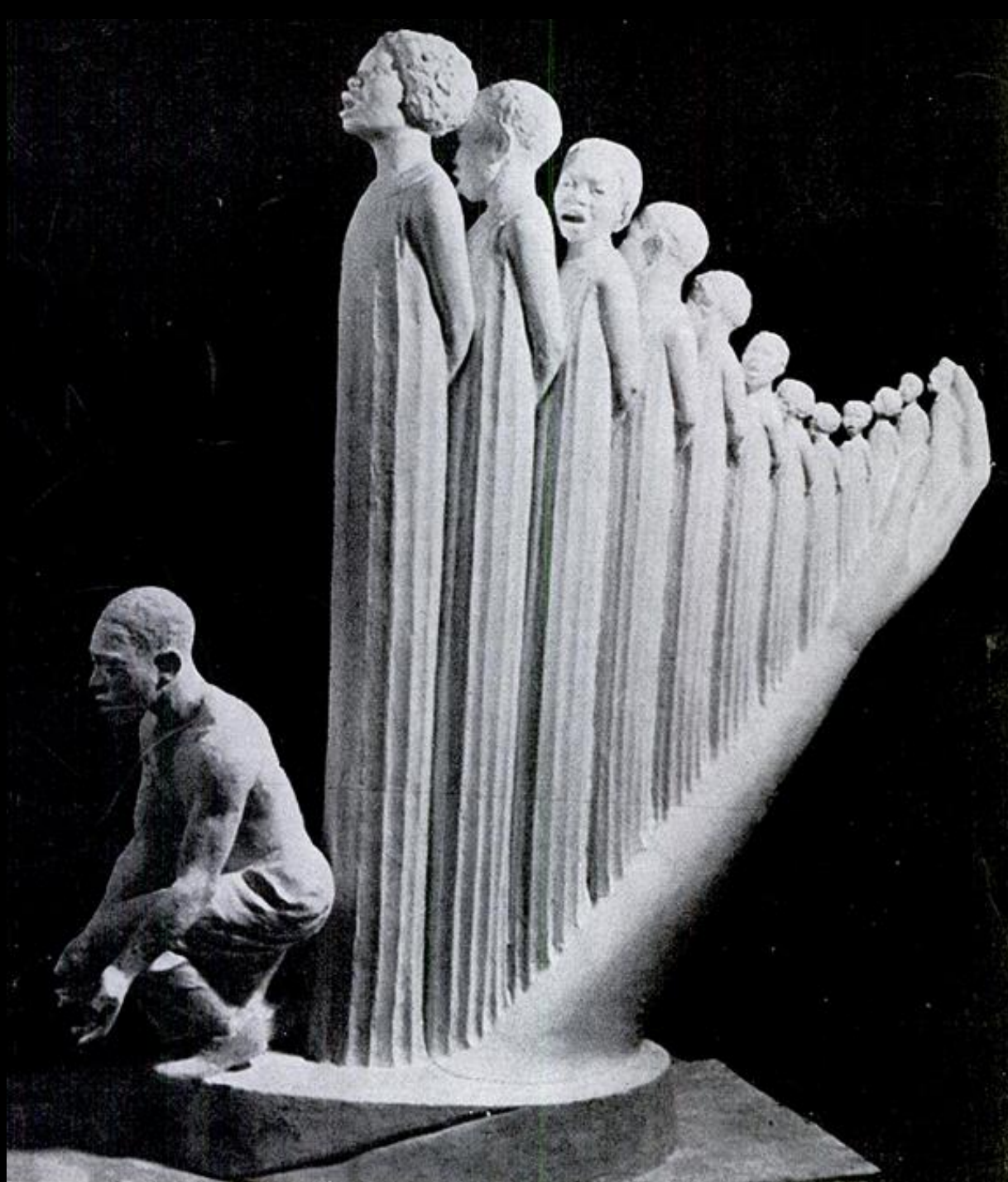
Peaceable Kingdom

John August Swanson
serigraph, 1994



Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly ... and with gratitude in your
hearts sing psalms, hymns, and
spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16ac



Lift Every Voice and Sing

Augusta Savage
Model for 1939 World's Fair

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Luke 2:43



Jesus Among the Doctors

Max Liebermann
Kunsthalle Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany

After three days they found him
in the temple, sitting among the
teachers, listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46



Jesus Among the Doctors, detail -- Max Liebermann, Kunsthalle Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

And all who heard him were
amazed at his understanding
and his answers.

Luke 2:47

Christ Disputing
with the Doctors,
detail

Ludovico
Mazzolino,
Gemaldegalerie
Berlin, Germany



When his parents saw him
they were astonished; and
his mother said to him,

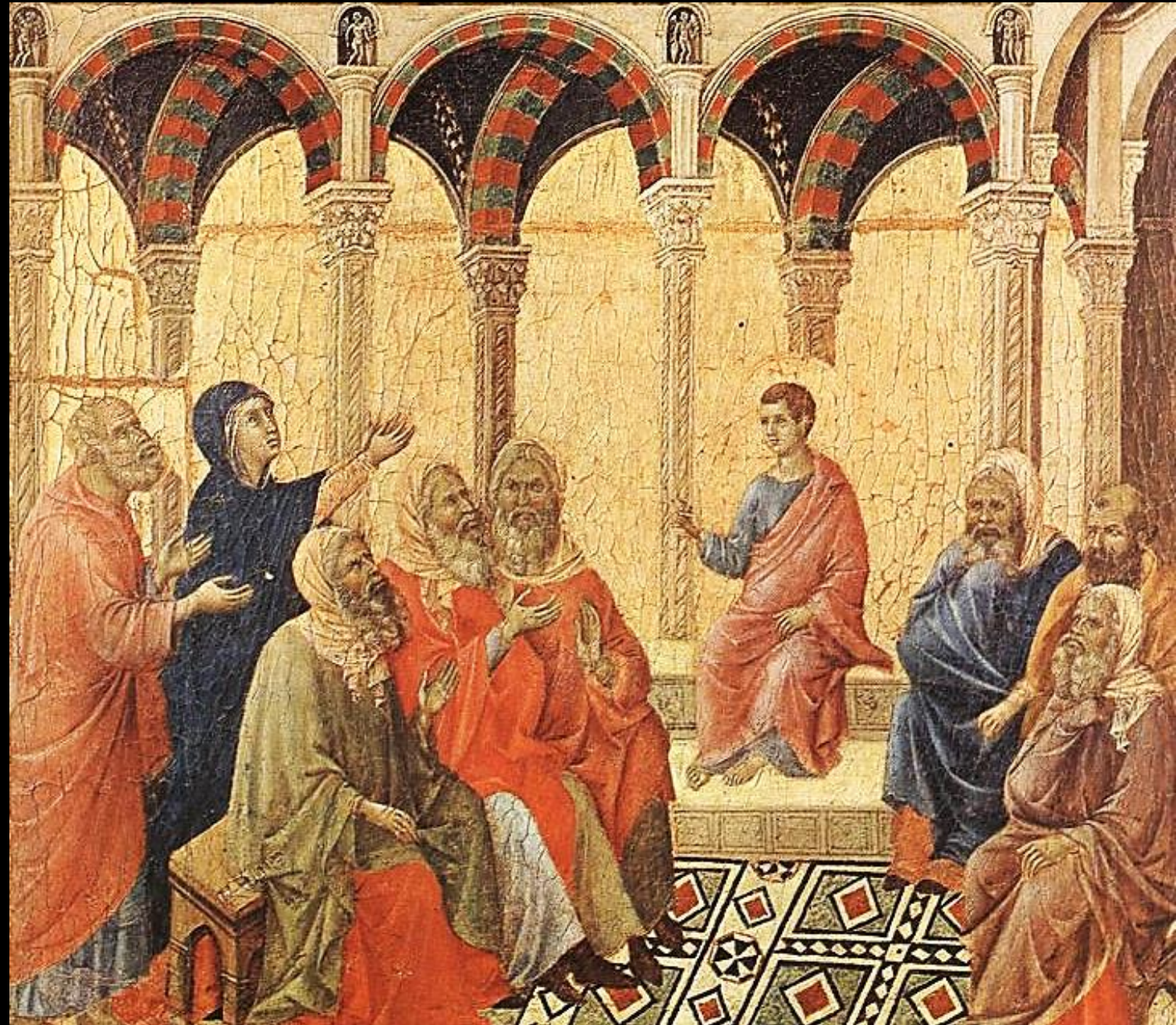
Luke 2:48a



Jesus with the Elders -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

"Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Luke 2:48b



Christ with the
Doctors in the
Temple

Duccio
Museo dell'Opera
del Duomo
Siena, Italy

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:49



Jesus Among the Doctors -- David Teniers the Younger, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51

Mary, Joseph and
Jesus

Basilica of Notre-
Dame
Luhan, Argentina



And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Luke 2:52



Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as a Carpenter -- Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain

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