Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Year B

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:13



Celebration -- John August Swanson, Los Angeles, CA

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes ...
He sends out his word, and melts them ...

Psalm 147:16, 18a



Snow-covered Landscape -- Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Musee de l'Orangerie, Paris, France

In him you also ... were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit ...

Ephesians 1:13ac

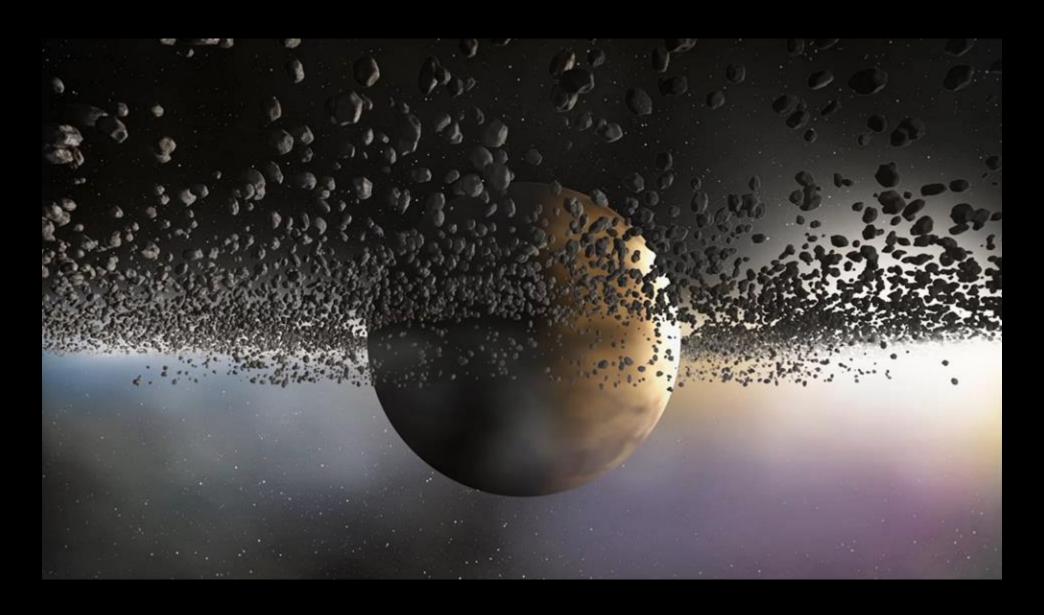


Holy Spirit with the Child Jesus and Mary and Joseph

> Stained glass Warsaw, Poland

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

John 1:1



God's Authority – "In the beginning ..." – Seth Drum, graphic art

... in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

John 1:4



Altar of God -- Frank Wesley

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

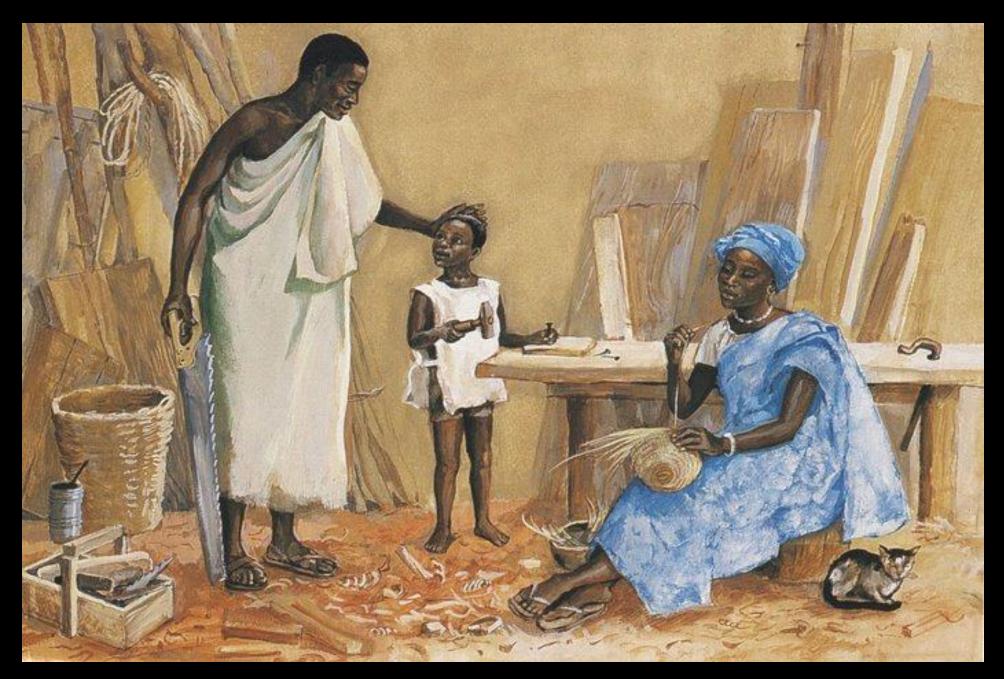
John 1:9



Christ Be Our Light

LaSalette Festival Attleboro, MA And the Word became flesh and lived among us ... full of grace and truth.

John 1:14ac



Jesus as a Child -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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