First Sunday after Christmas Day
Year A

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23
I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us.

Isaiah 63:7
Thanks – Giving Chapel

Philip Johnson, Dallas, Texas
Praise the LORD! ...Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Psalm 148:1a, 3a
R Coronae Australis

European Southern Observatory, La Silla, Chile
Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Psalm 148:7
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! ... Praise the Lord!

Psalm 148:10, 14c
Four Insects -- Johannes Bronkhorst, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18
Crucifixion -- St. Benedict the African Church, Chicago, IL
saying, ... "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Hebrews 2:12, 13c
Jesus Welcomes the Children -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt...”

Matthew 2:13b
Joseph’s Dream

Gaetano Gandolfi
Herod... sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under...

Matthew 2:16b
Massacre of the Innocents, a Mystery Play -- York Cathedral, York, England
"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Matthew 2:18
Massacre of the Innocents, detail

Guido Reni
Pinacoteca Nazionale di Bologna
Italy
"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

Matthew 2:20
Return of the Holy Family from Egypt

West Portal, Amiens Cathedral
There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Matthew 2:23
Christ in the House of His Parents -- John Everett Millais, Tate Britain, London
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