Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year B

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me ...

2 Samuel 7:16a
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Psalm 89:2
"Love is the Only Solution" - Dorothy Day -- Mural in San Francisco, CA
Now to God who is able to strengthen you ... through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 16:25a, 27b
Jesus Christ: "Love One Another"

Red Gallery
Beijing, China
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
St. Gabriel,
Personal icon

Colorado Springs,
CO
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

Luke 1:27a
Joseph

Brazilian Nativity Scene
The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:27b
Virgin of Guadalupe
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Indianapolis, IN
Face of Mary, The Annunciation -- Josef Pyrz, Durham Cathedral, Durham, England
And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28
The Annunciation

Abbey of Keur Moussa, Keur Moussa, Senegal
But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Luke 1:29
The Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:30
Behold the Lord's Servant

Dante Gabriel Rossetti
Tate Britain
London, England
And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:31
The Annunciation

Fra Angelico
Prado Museum
Madrid, Spain
Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:34
The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;"

Luke 1:35a
The Annunciation

Church of Our Lady of Pity
Swaffam, England
therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Luke 1:35b
Madonna and Child from Mexico -- Mosaic from Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth, Israel
For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:37
Gloria! -- Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA
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