Third Sunday of Advent
Year B

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28
For I the LORD love justice ...

Isaiah 61:8a
"Sustainability" -- Building mural, Adelaide, Australia
For as ... a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
Working in the Garden

Carl Massmann
before 1929
... so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11b
Wall of Praise

Based upon Norman Rockwell's Golden Rule

Thanks-Giving Square
Dallas, TX
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy ...
The Potluck -- Building mural by David Fichter, Cambridge, MA
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Psalm 126:6a
Grief

Mural in the Mission District
San Francisco, CA
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6b
Dancing on the Barn Floor

William S. Mount
Long Island Museum
Stony Brook, NY
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks ... for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17, 18a
Coptic Praise and Prayer Orans figures from Bawit, Egypt -- Louvre Museum, Paris
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ..."

Luke 1:46b, 47
Mary of the Magnificat

Antonello da Messina
National Museum, Palermo, Italy
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John 1:6, 7a
John the Baptist
Mosaic, Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey
He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

John 1:7
Light from the Dome

Oscar Niemeyer
Brasilia Cathedral
Brasilia, Brazil
He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

John 1:8
Miracle -- Ed Ruscha, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA