

A painting of a woman sitting on a bed in a room. She is wearing a long, dark, patterned robe and has her hands clasped in her lap. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The room has a wooden headboard, a white blanket, and a blue cloth on the right. The lighting is warm and soft.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C

Micah 5:2-5a • Luke 1:46b-55 or
Psalm 80:1-7 • Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

But you, O Bethlehem ... when she
who is in labor has brought forth ...
from you shall come forth ... the
one of peace ...

Micah 5:2a, 3b, 2b, 5c



Nativity in the Snow

Church near Xavier
University

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39a, 40



The Visitation -- Jacopo da Pontormo, Pfaarkirche, Carmignano, Italy

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Luke 1:41

Visitation
Church of El Sitio
El Sitio, El Salvador



and exclaimed with a loud cry,
"Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Luke 1:42

The Visitation

Brother Eric
Church of
Reconciliation
Taize, France



And why has this happened to
me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me?

Luke 1:43

The Visitation

Church of St.
Martin
Nohant-Vic,
France



For as soon as I heard the sound of
your greeting, the child in my womb
leaped for joy.

Luke 1:44



Elizabeth and Mary Greet Each Other -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfillment
of what was spoken to her by
the Lord."

Luke 1:45

The Annunciation

El Greco
Ohara Museum of
Art
Kurashiki, Japan





The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies
the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior,

Luke 1:46-47



The Magnificat ("My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord") -- Baltimore Cathedral, Baltimore, MD

for he has looked with favor on the
lowliness of his servant. Surely,
from now on all generations will
call me blessed;

Luke 1:48



The Annunciation

Our Lady of Pity
Church
Swaffham,
England

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:49-50



Madonna of Mercy -- Domenico Ghirlandaio, San Salvatore di Ognissanti, Florence, Italy

He has shown strength with his
arm; he has scattered the proud in
the thoughts of their hearts.

Luke 1:51



The Visitation

Father Georges Saget
Keur Moussa Abbey
Keur Moussa, Senegal

He has brought down the powerful
from their thrones, and lifted up
the lowly;

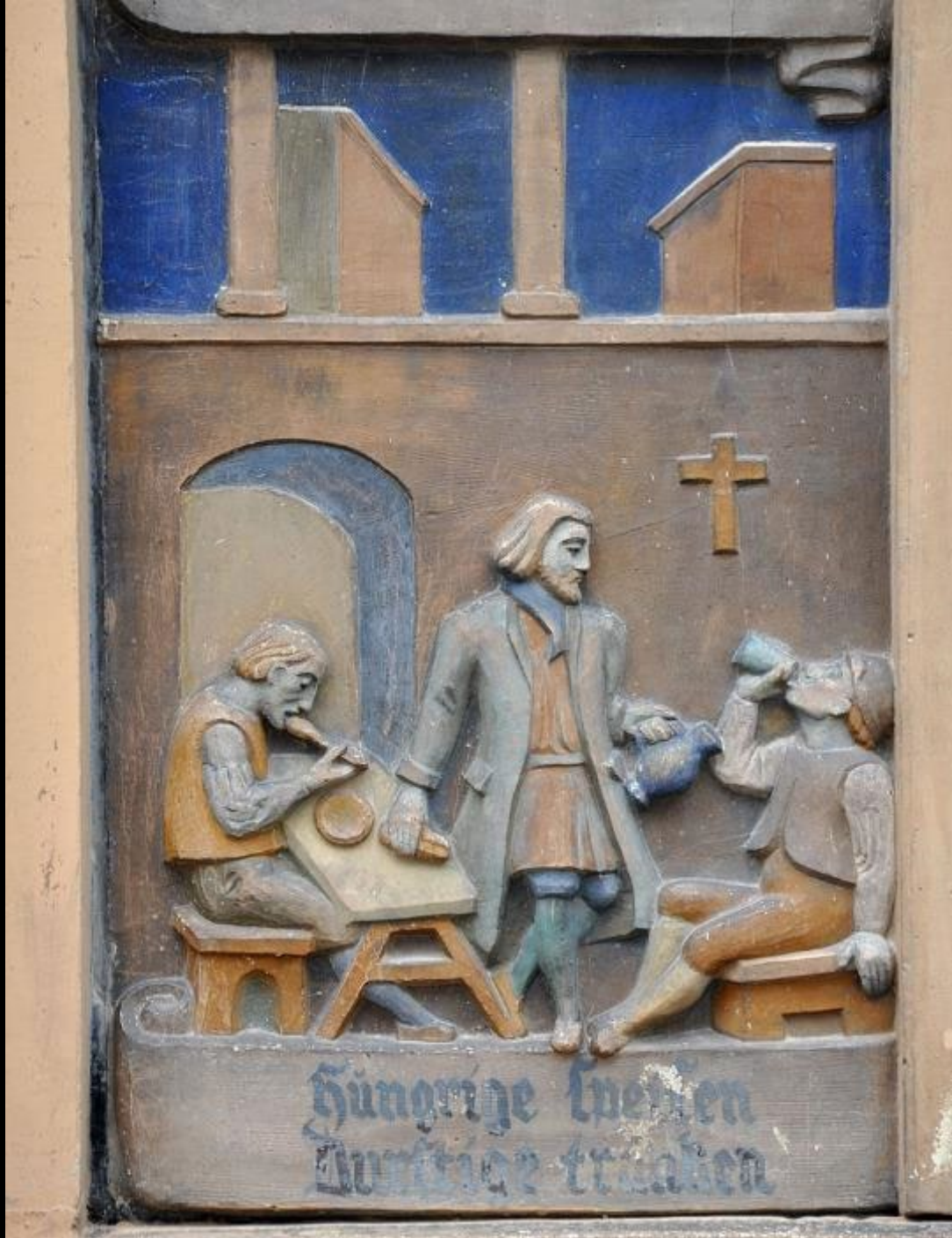
Luke 1:52



The Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

he has filled the hungry with
good things, and sent the rich
away empty.

Luke 1:53



Feeding the Hungry

Biberach, Germany

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made
to our ancestors, to Abraham and
to his descendants forever.

Luke 1:54-55



The Presentation -- John August Swanson

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