

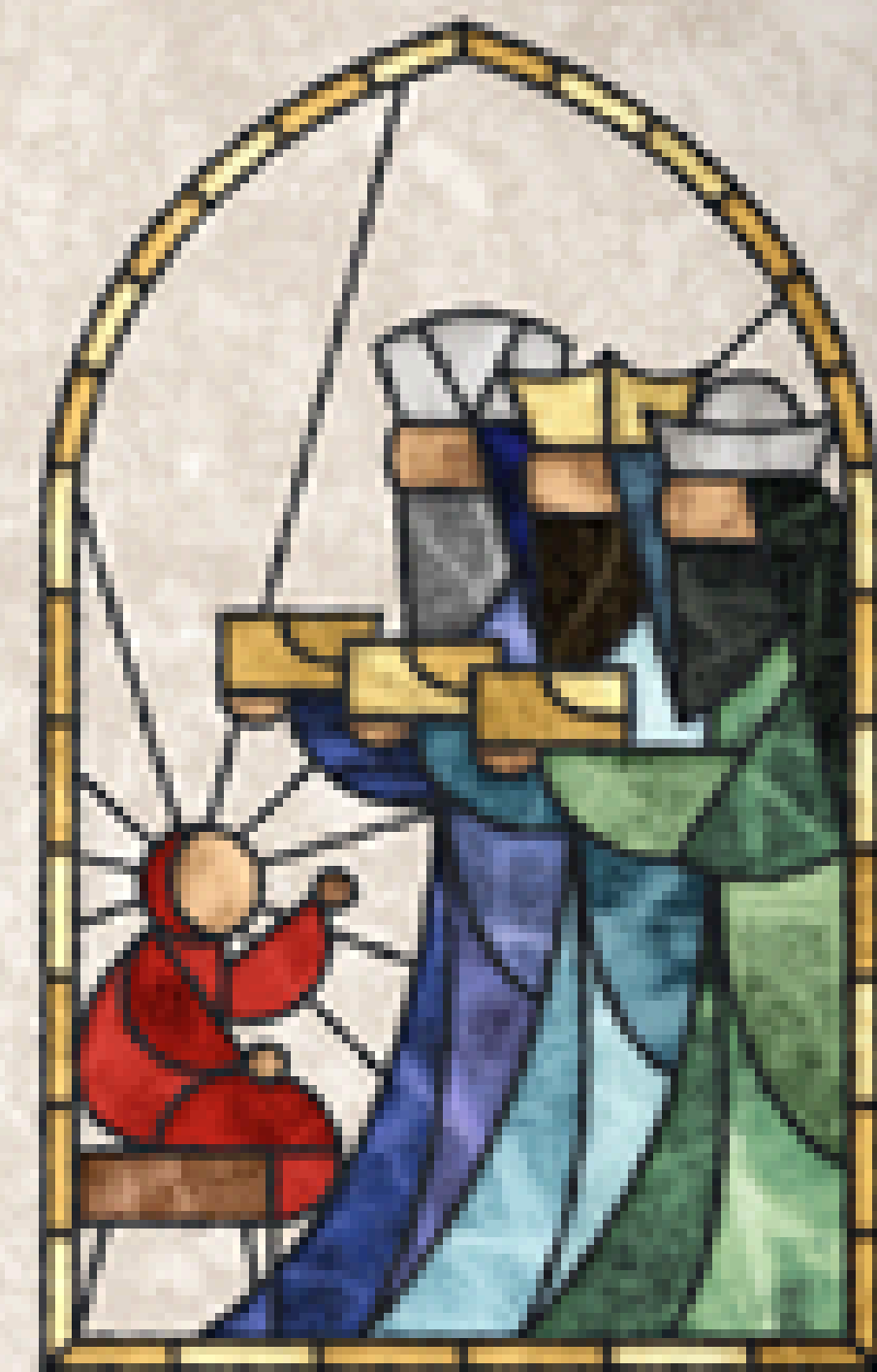


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Advent

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS





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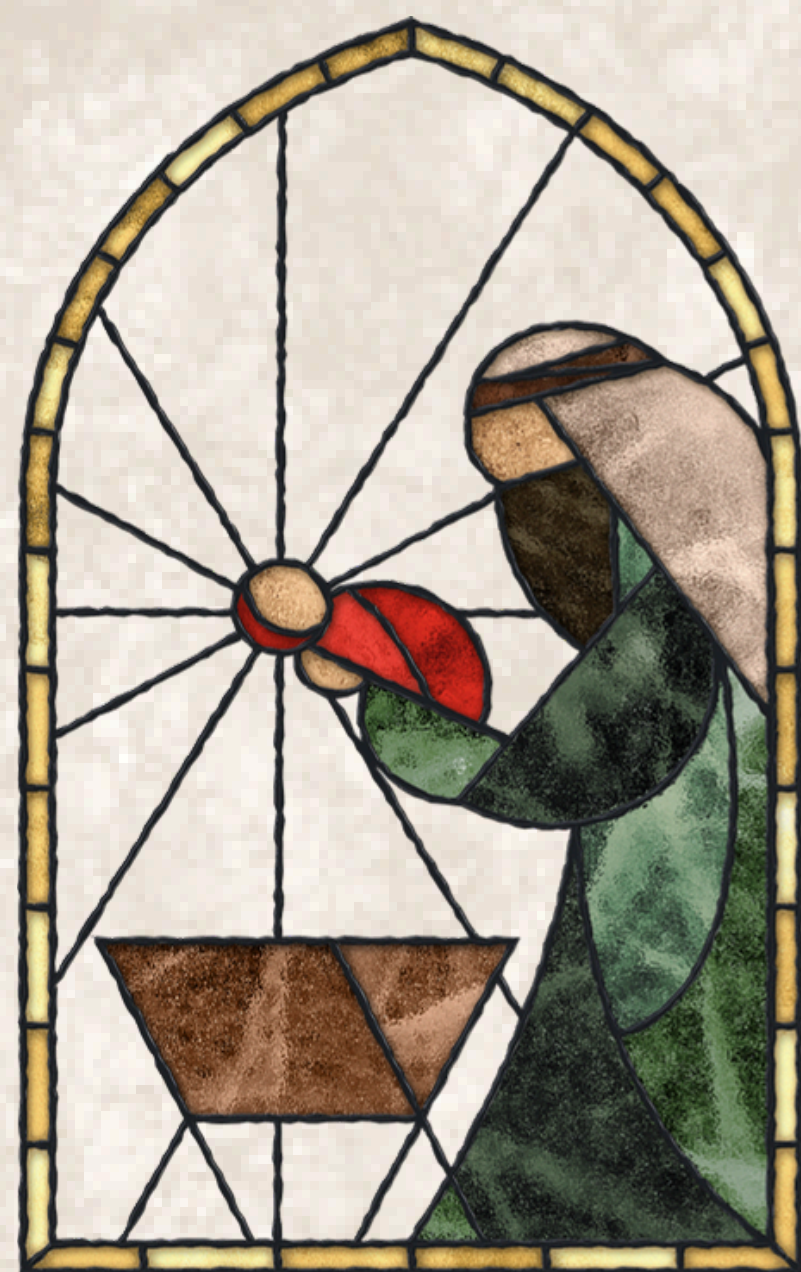
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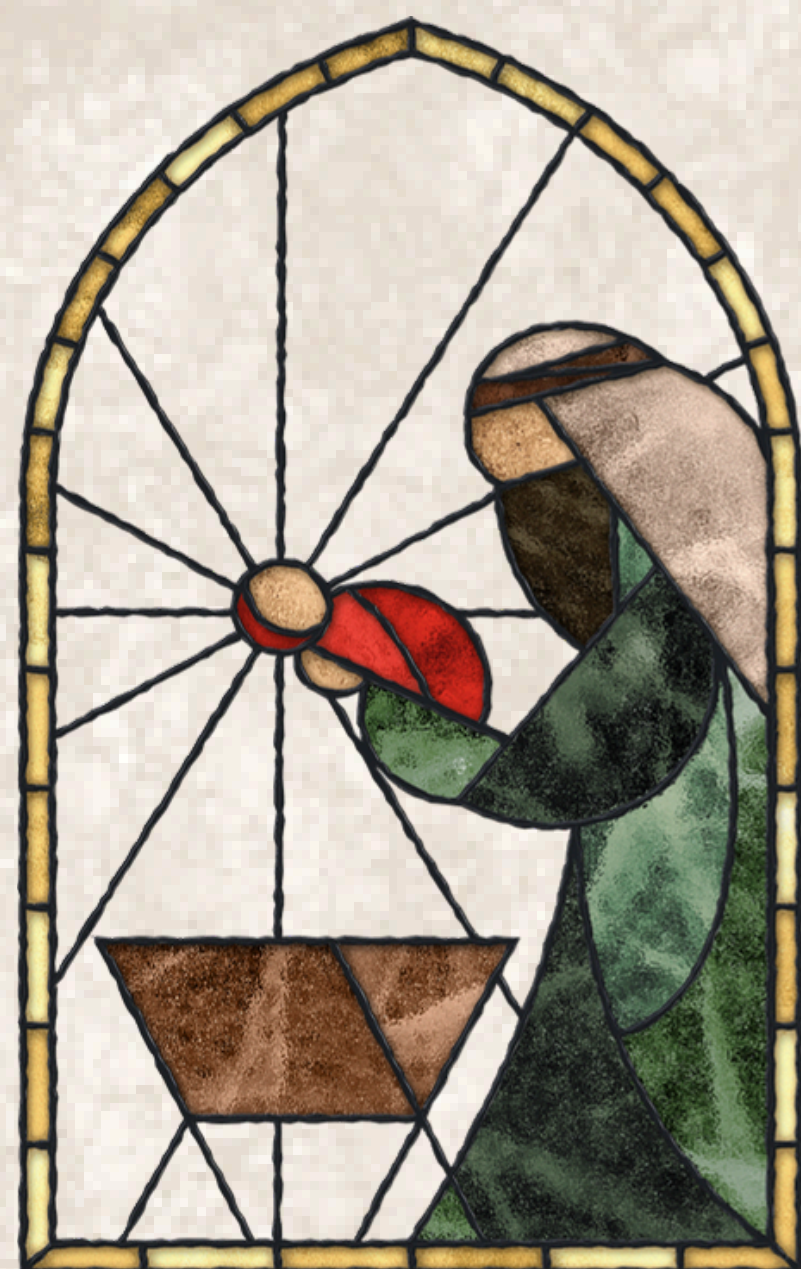
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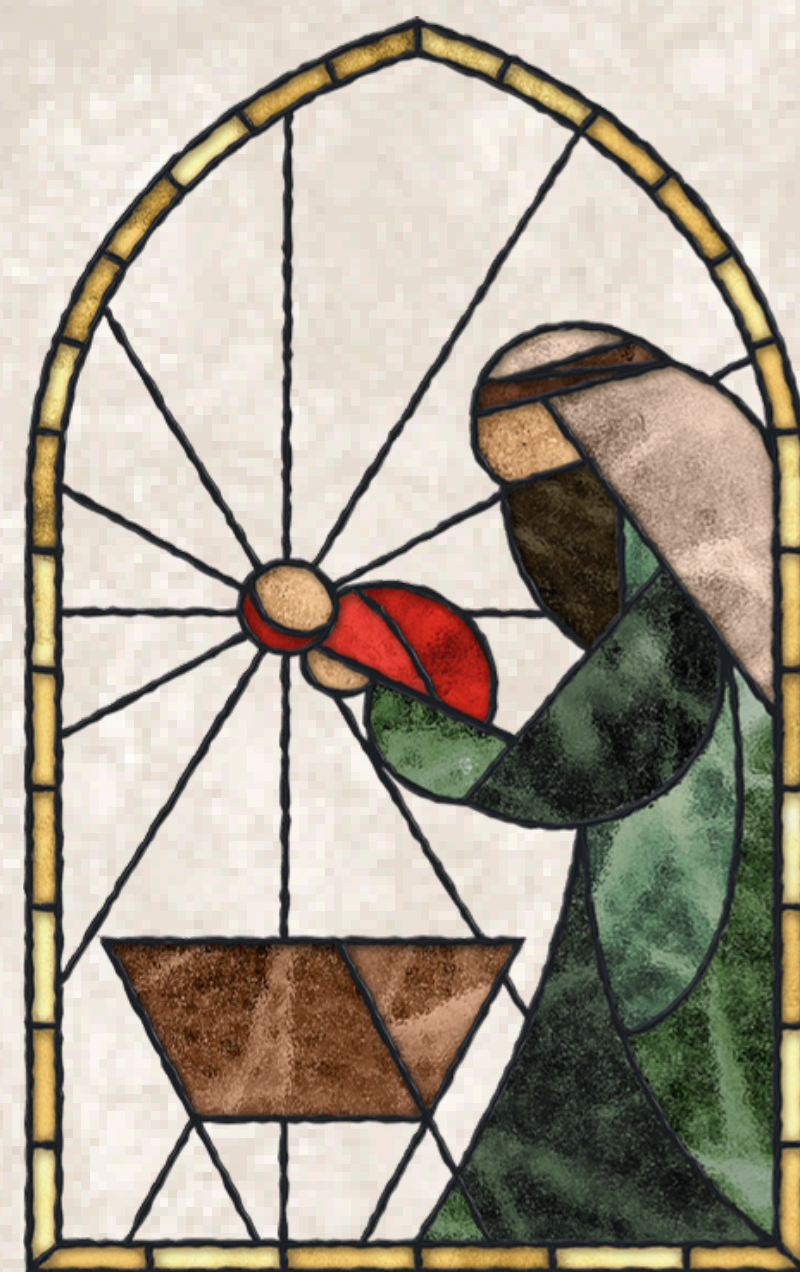
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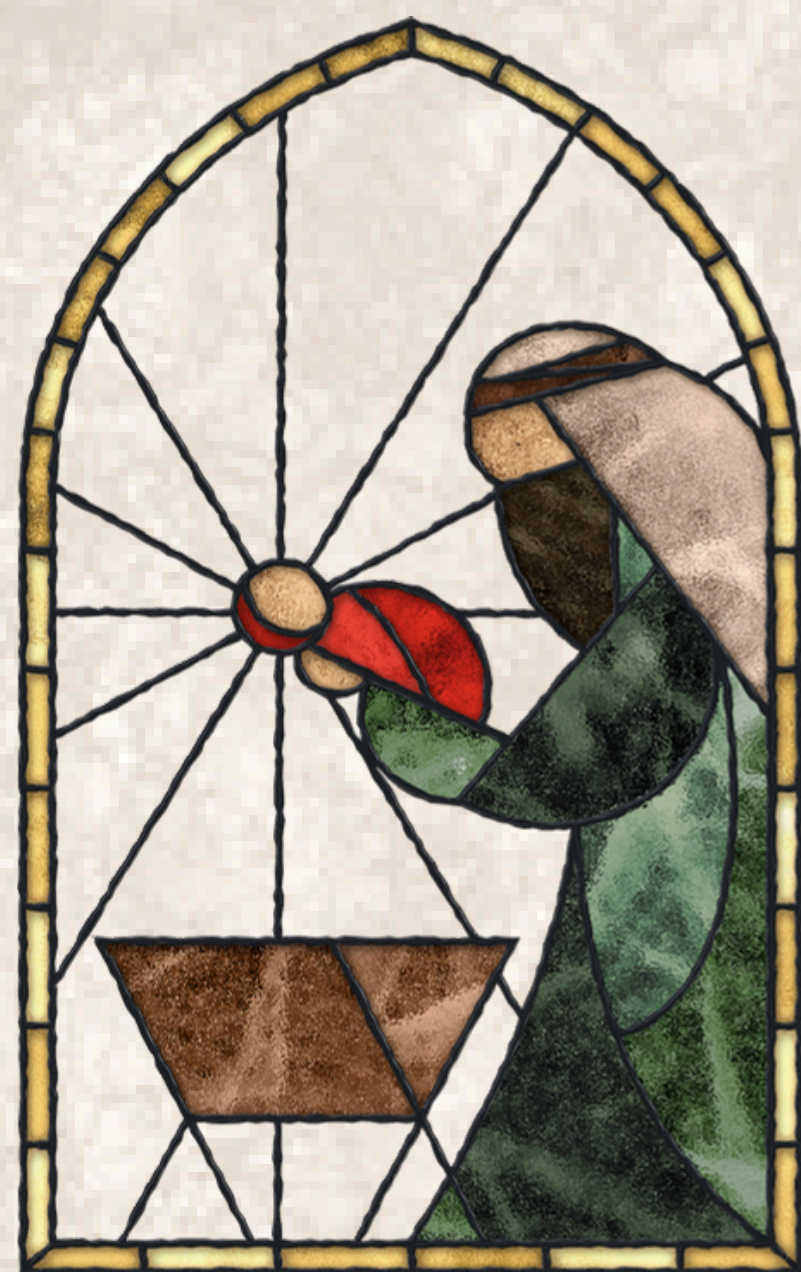
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Tonight's Characters



Elizabeth
Zechariah
God
Gabriel
John
Mary
Joseph
Jesus

Advent Resources

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Advent

[ad-vent] noun

ADVENT, the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas, observed in commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Old English *aduent*, from Latin *adventus* 'arrival', from *advenire*, from *ad-* 'to' + *venire* 'come'

What is something you're waiting for?

Hope





Hope is waiting with eager expectation
for what God has promised.

Peace



Joy



Love



Christ






Hope




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LUKE 1:45 NIRV

“You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!”

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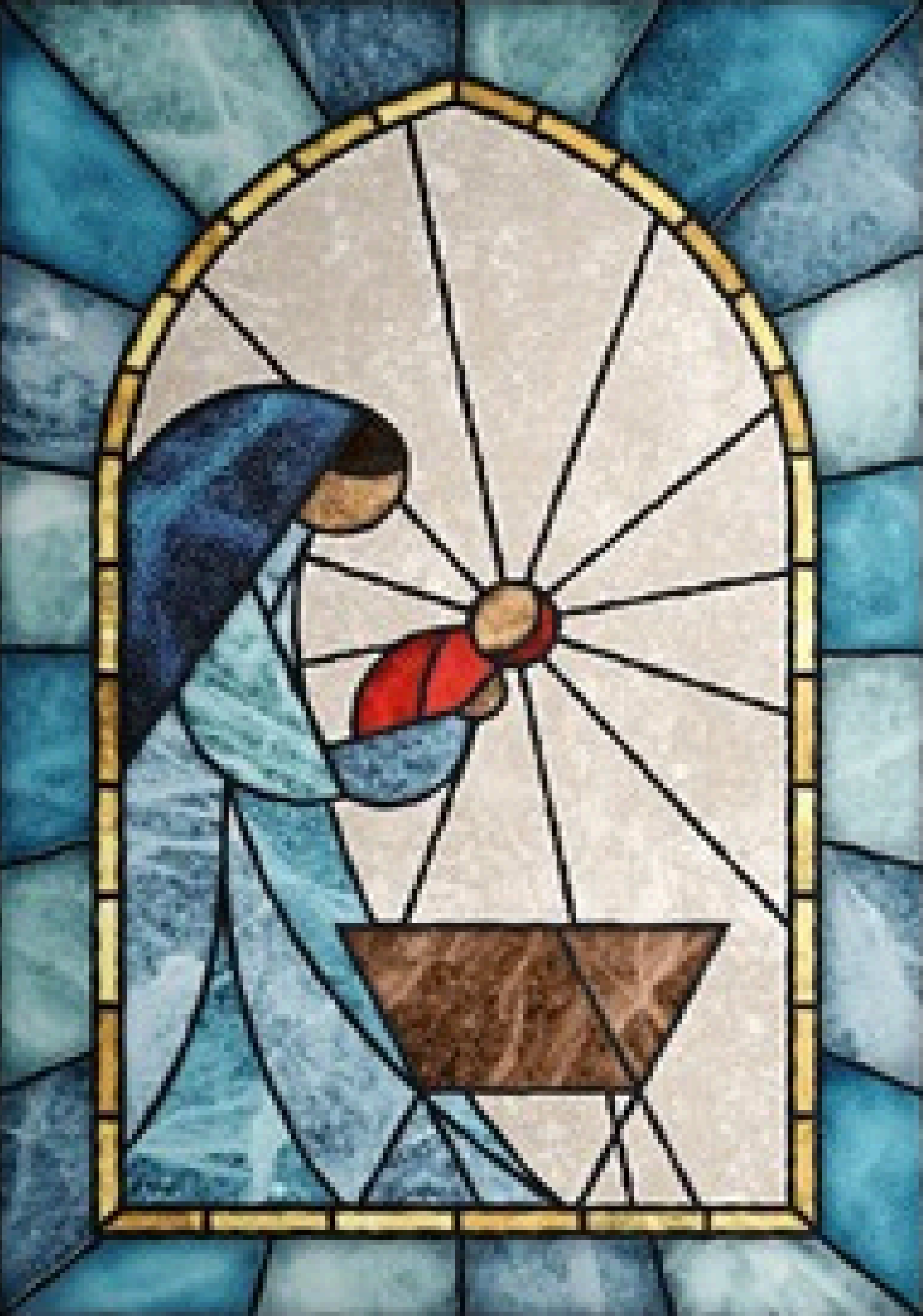
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LUKE 1:46-49 ^{ESV}

And Mary said,

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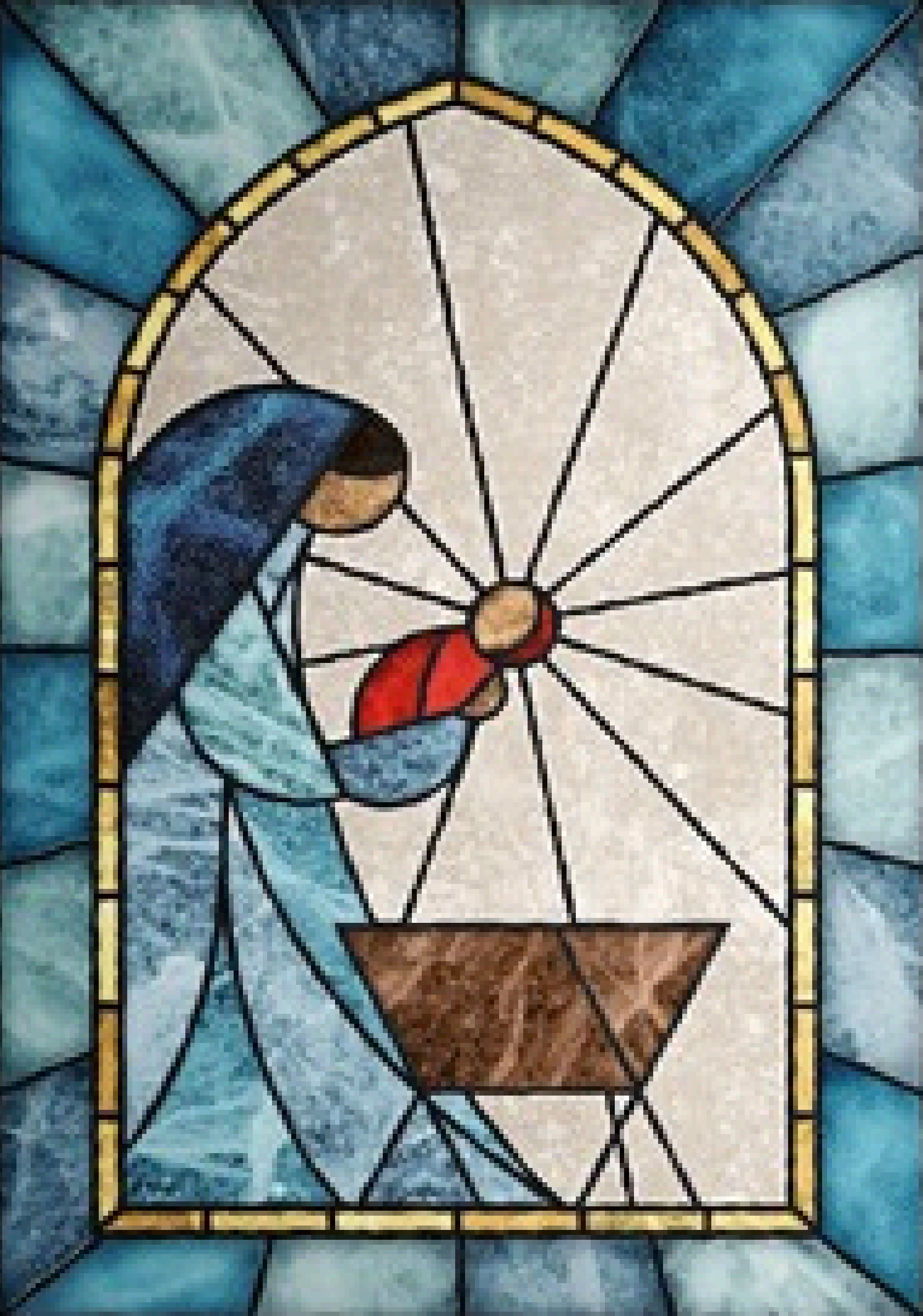
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.”



LUKE 1:46-49

And Mary said,

“Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.”

Hannah's Song

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

“My heart exults in the LORD”

“I rejoice in your salvation”

“There is none holy like the LORD”

“Talk no more so very proudly”

“The bows of the mighty are broken”

“Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread”

“Those who were hungry have ceased to hunger”

Mary's Song

LUKE 1:46-56

“My soul magnifies the Lord”

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

“Holy is his name”

“He has scattered the proud”

“He has brought down the mighty from their thrones”

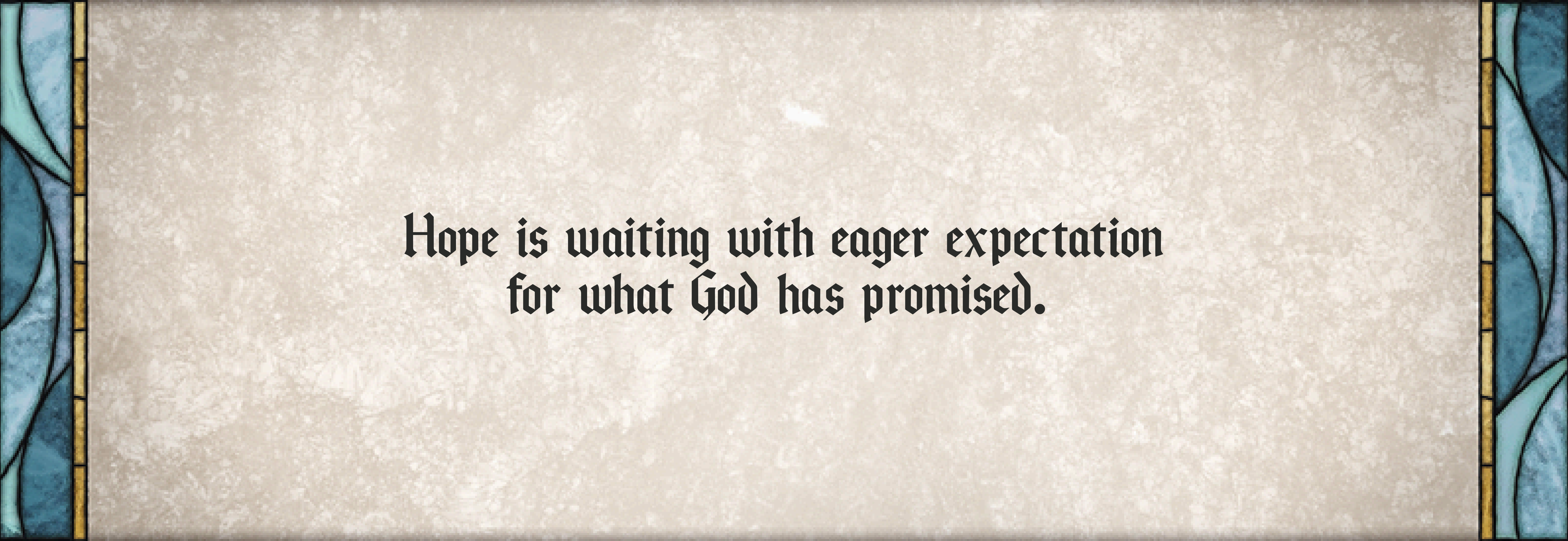
“The rich he has sent away empty”

“He has filled the hungry with good things”



Hope

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Hope is waiting with eager expectation
for what God has promised.

Mary's Joy

RESTS IN THE GIFT OF THE BABY MESSIAH

LUKE 1:46-48 ^{NIRV}

Mary said,

“My soul gives glory to the Lord.

⁴⁷ My spirit delights in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ He has taken note of me

even though I am not considered important.

From now on all people will call me blessed.”

God's Character

IS POWER, HOLINESS, AND MERCY

LUKE 1:49-50 ^{NIRV}

“The Mighty One has done great things for me.
His name is holy.

⁵⁰ He shows his mercy to those who have respect for him,
from parent to child down through the years.”

God's Action

URNS THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN

LUKE 1:51-53 ^{NIRV}

“He has done mighty things with his powerful arm.
He has scattered those who are proud in their
deepest thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones.
But he has lifted up people who are not
considered important.

⁵³ He has filled with good things those who are hungry.
But he has sent away empty those who are rich.”

God's Action

TURNS THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN

PROUD

RULERS ON THRONES

RICH

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God's faithfulness

FULFILLS HIS PROMISES TO HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL

LUKE 1:54-55 ^{NIRV}

“He has helped the people of Israel, who serve him.

He has always remembered to be kind

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his children down through the years.

He has done it just as he promised to our people of long ago.”

Mary's Joy

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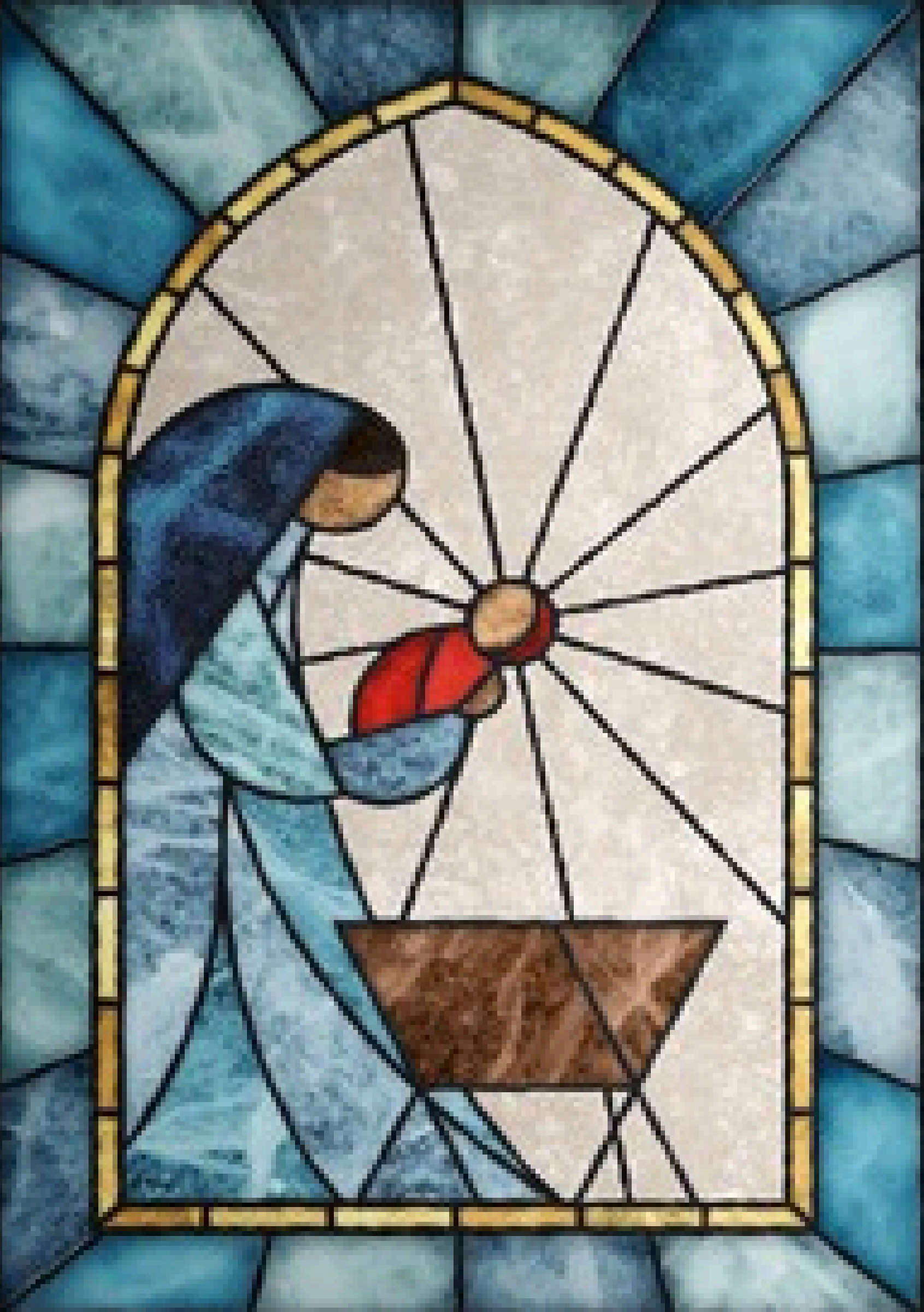
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What about God makes you want to sing?



LUKE 1:56 NIRV

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months.
Then she returned home.



LUKE 1:46-49 ESV

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