



St. Paul's  
Eucharist Rite II with  
Spiritual Communion

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2020

## Hymn O Come, all ye faithful

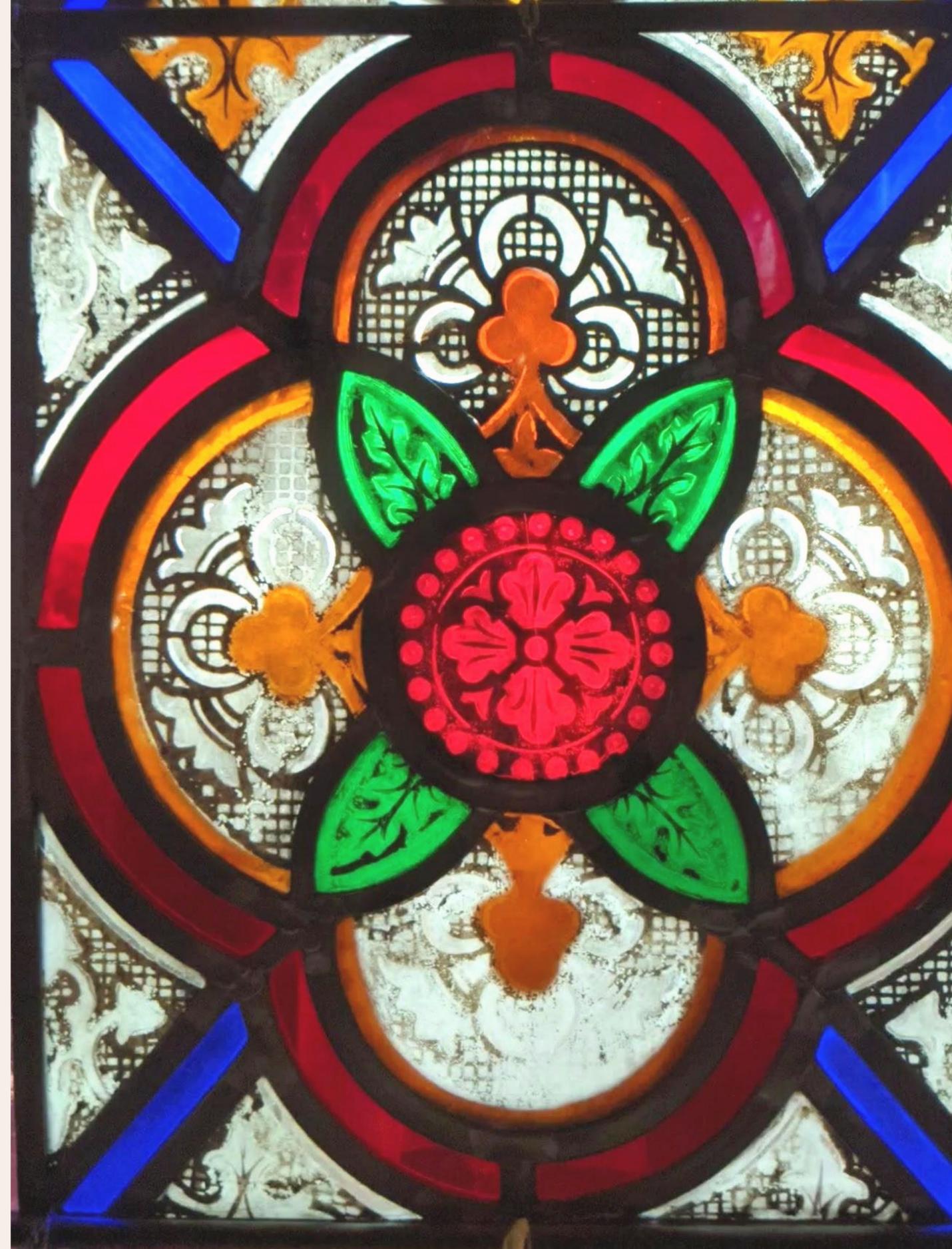
Willcocks

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:

*Refrain* O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
*Christ the Lord!*

God from God,  
Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only begotten  
Son of the Father

*Refrain*



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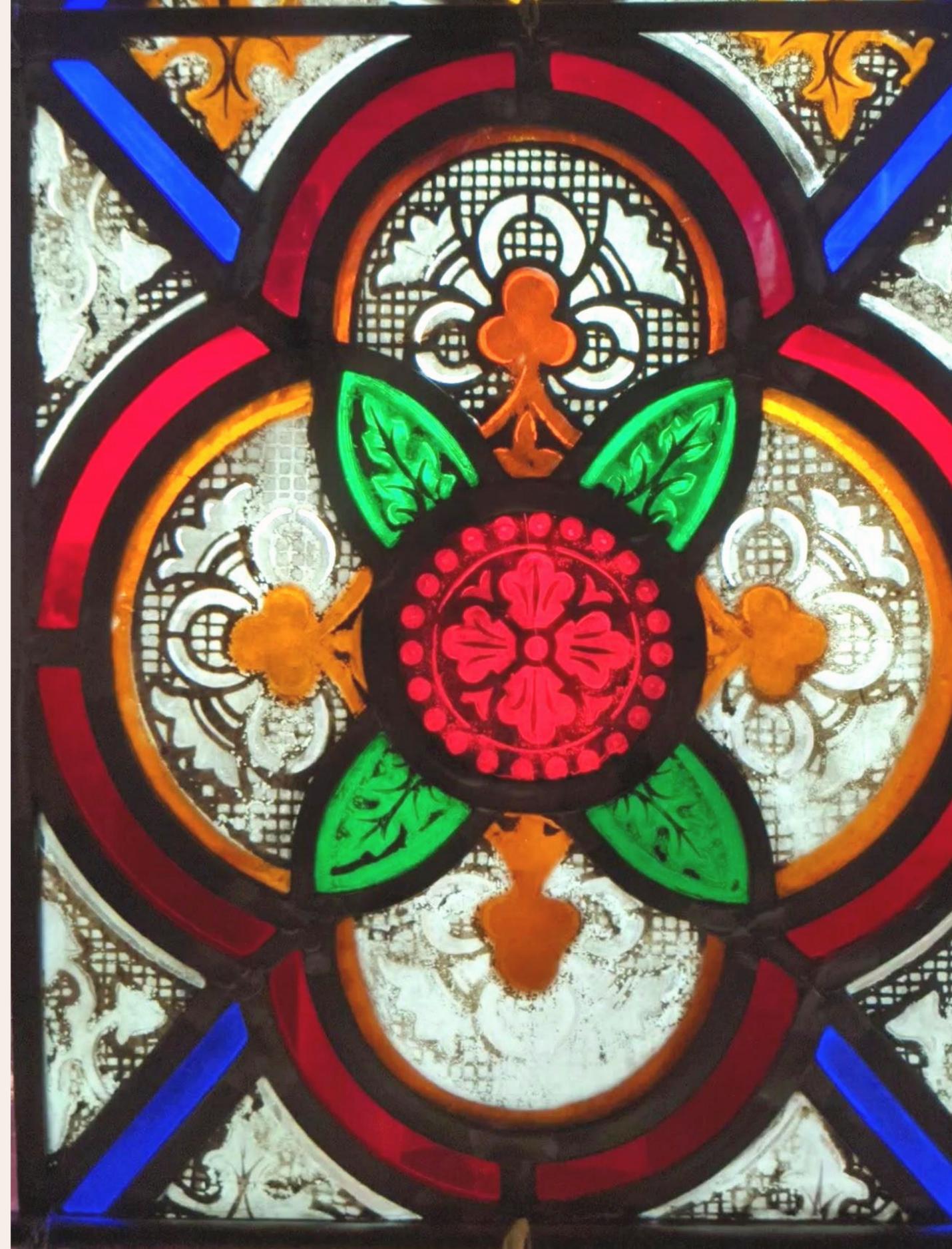
Willcocks

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God  
Glory in the highest:

*Refrain O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:

*Refrain*



## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*  
Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Hymn Angels we have heard on high

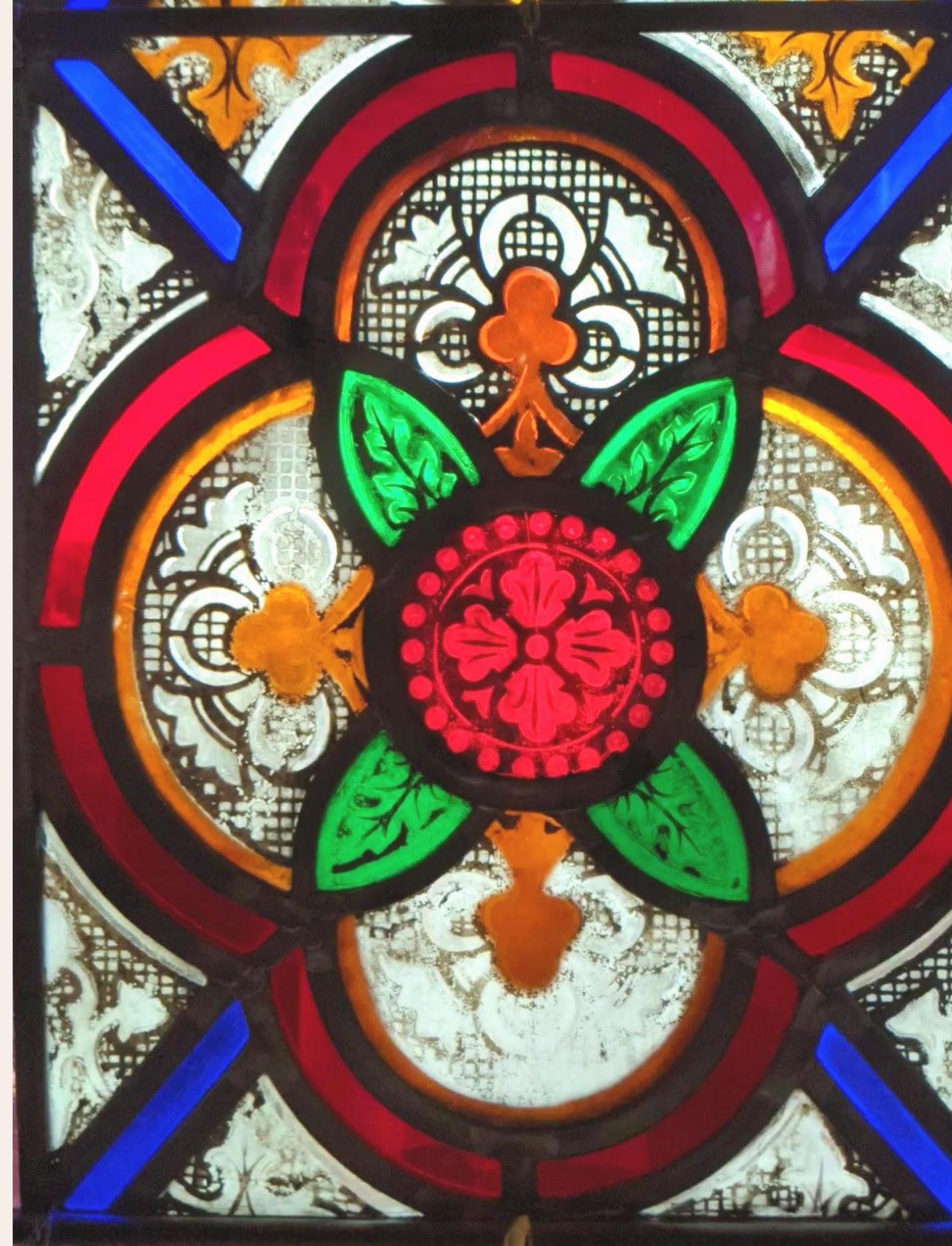
*Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo (2x)*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear? *(Refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**



The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## **Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

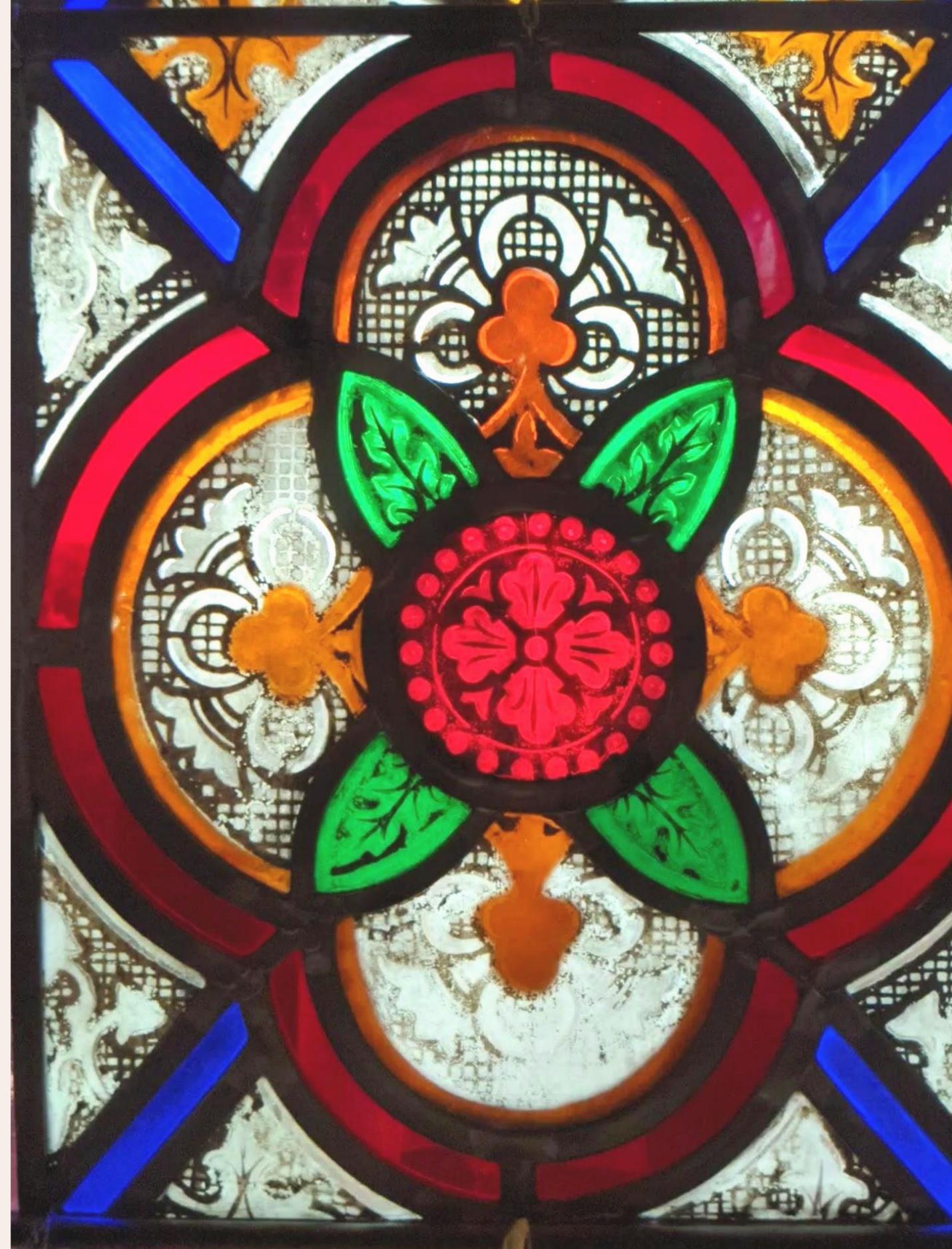
*All say together.*

Psalm 98



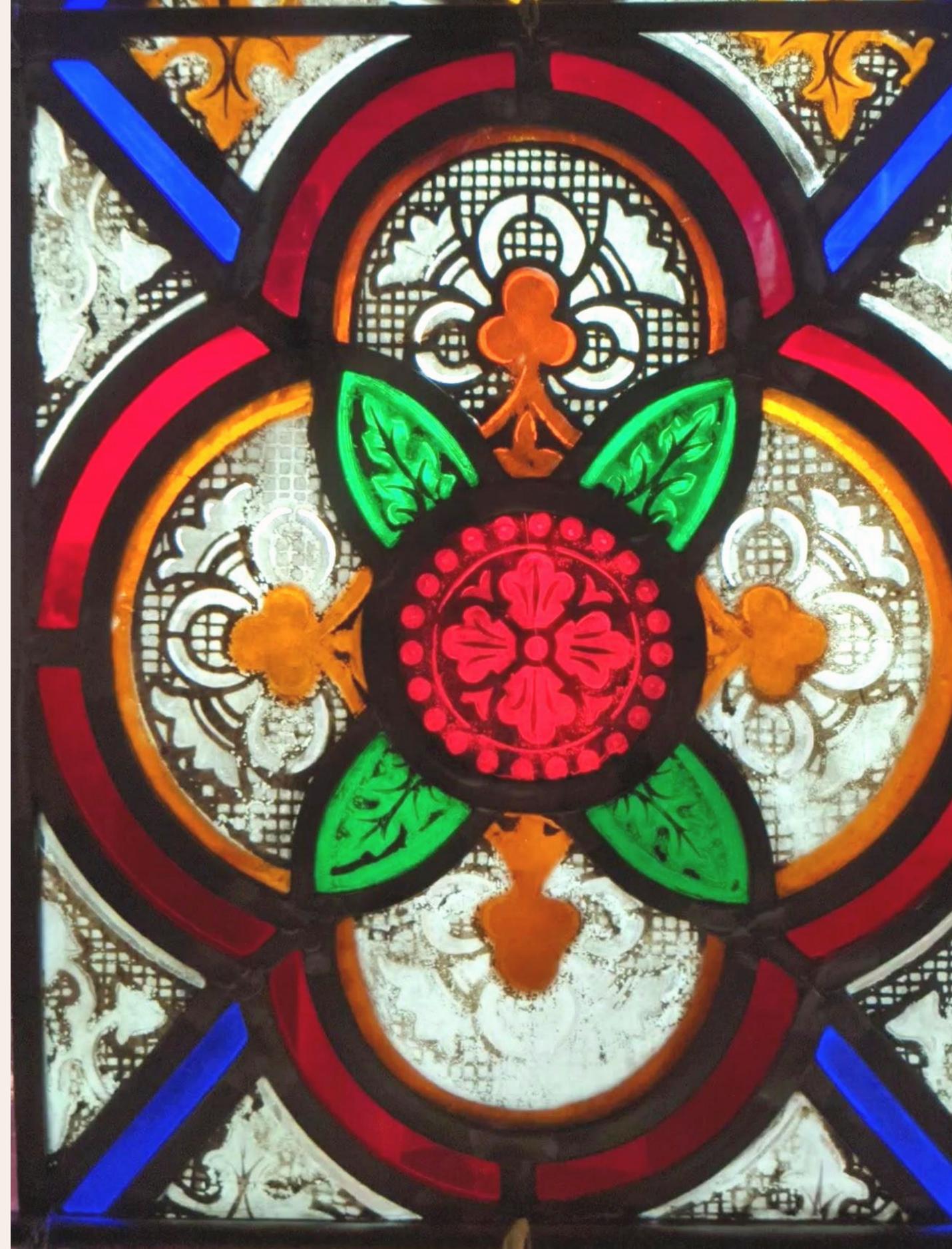
## Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth  
have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.



## Psalm 98

- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.



The Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## **Titus 2:11-14**

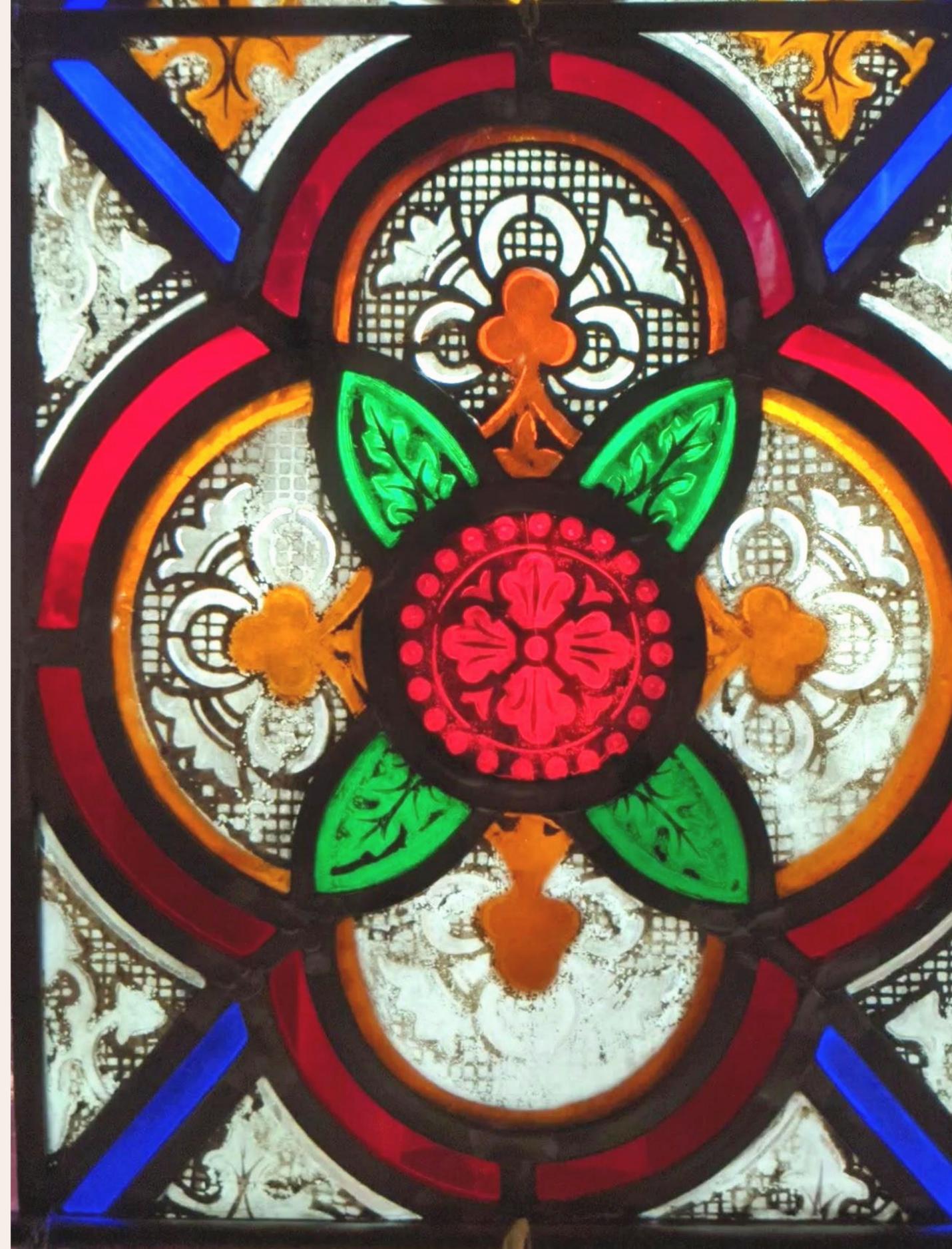
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

## Hymn Once in royal David's city

*Irby*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

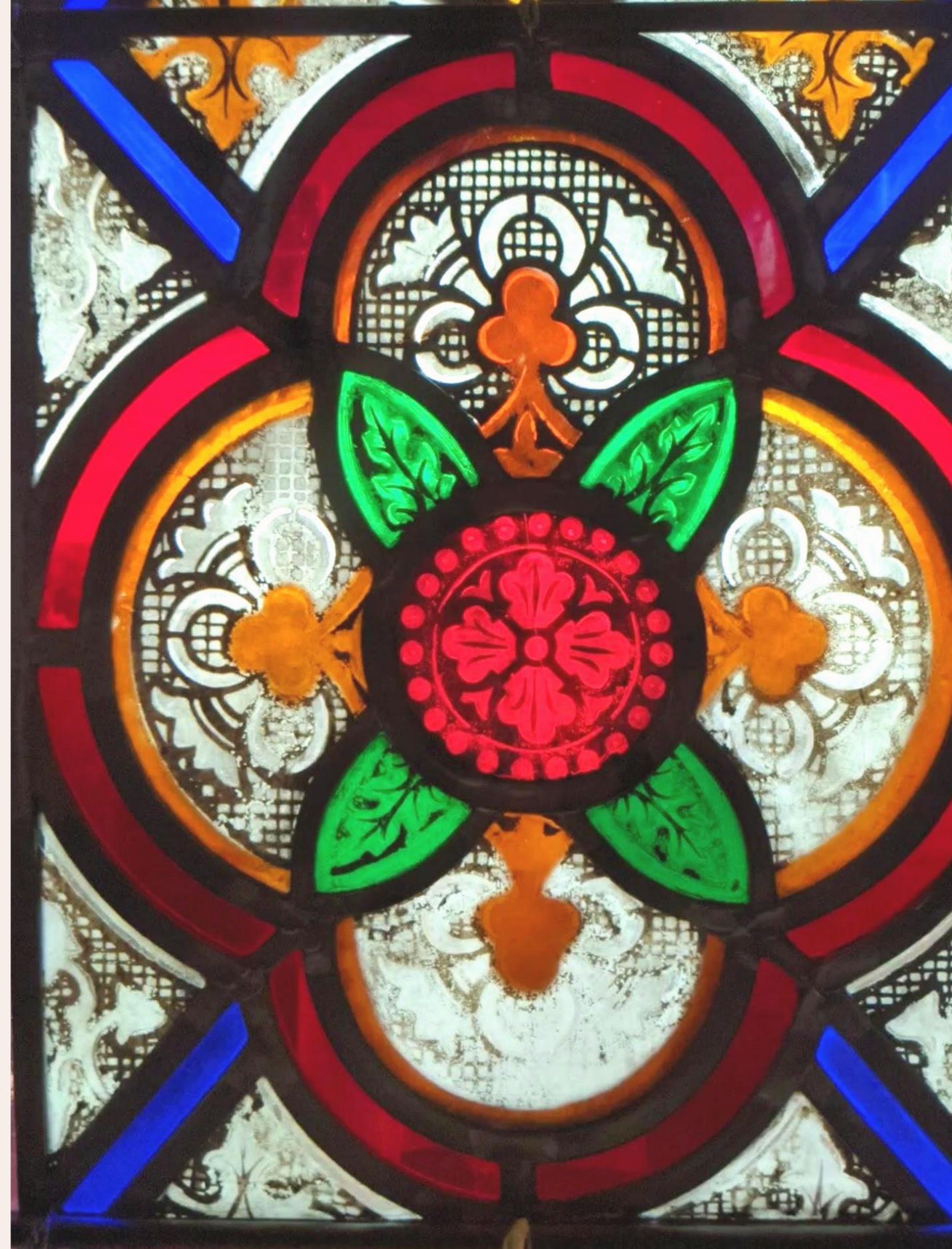


## Hymn Once in royal David's city

*Irby*

For he is our lifelong pattern;  
daily, when on earth he grew,  
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,  
tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feel for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing round,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,  
set at God's right hand on high.



## The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**



## **Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



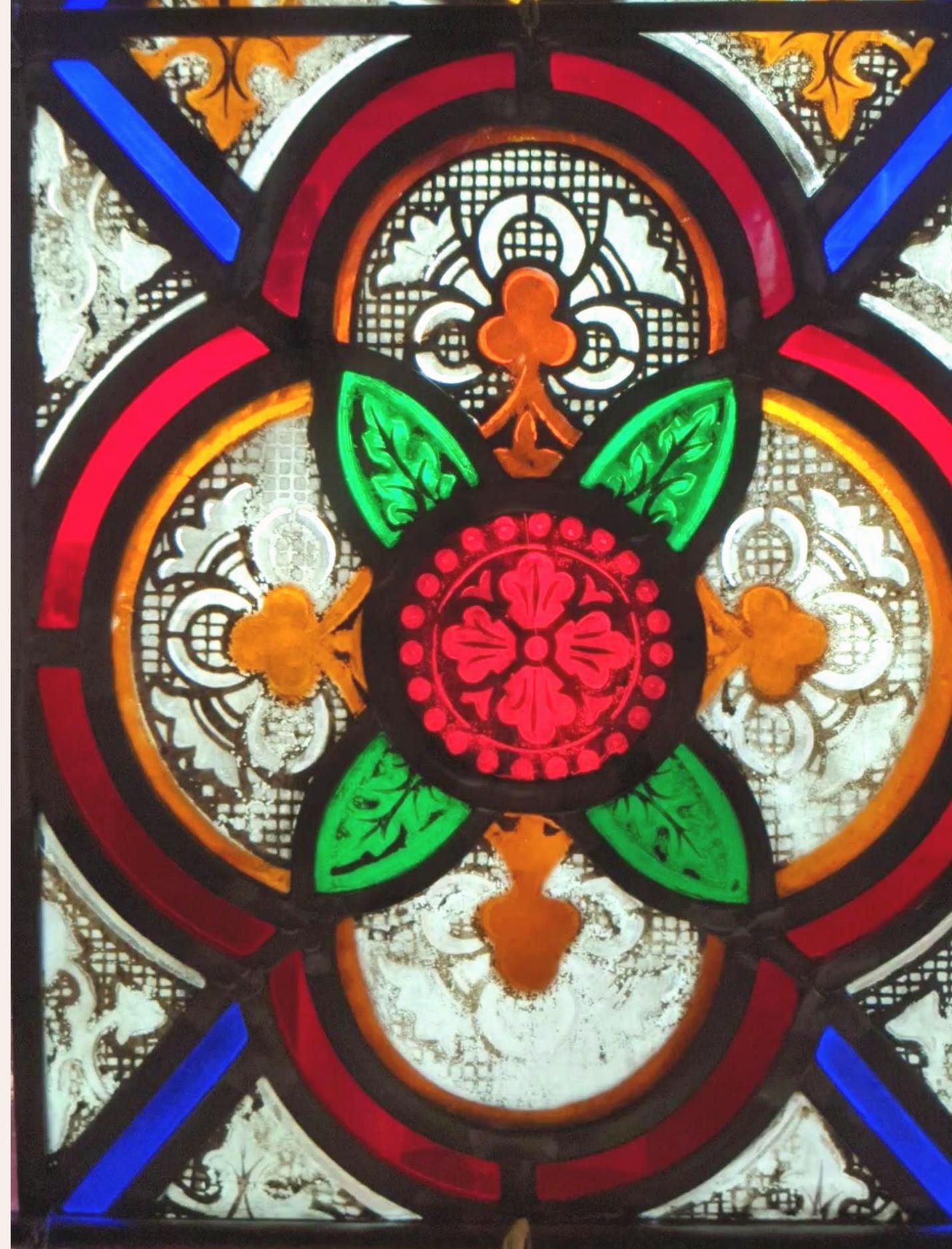
# The Sermon

*All say together.*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.



The Nicene Creed (cont.)

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate

from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

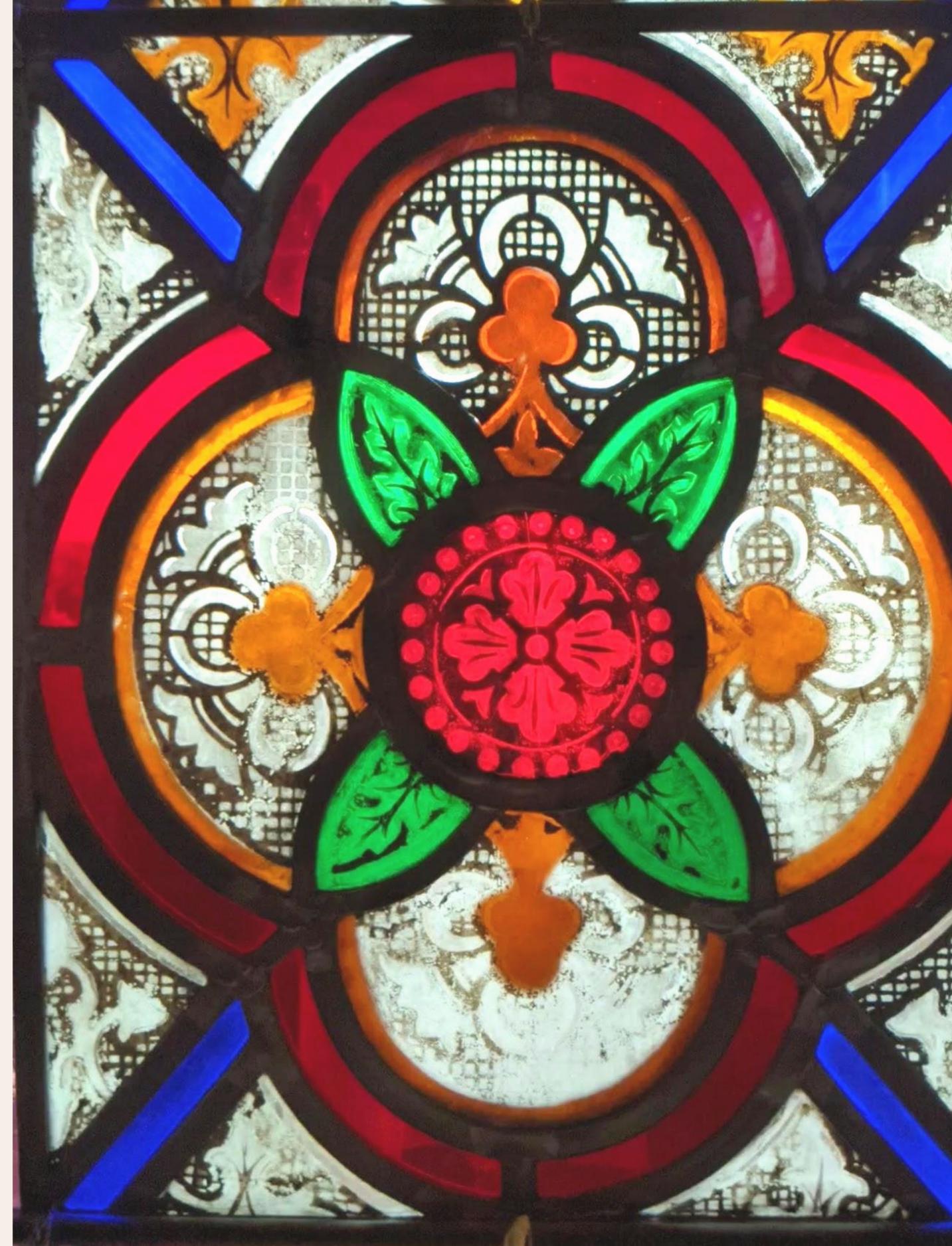
and is seated

at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.



The Nicene Creed (cont.)

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.

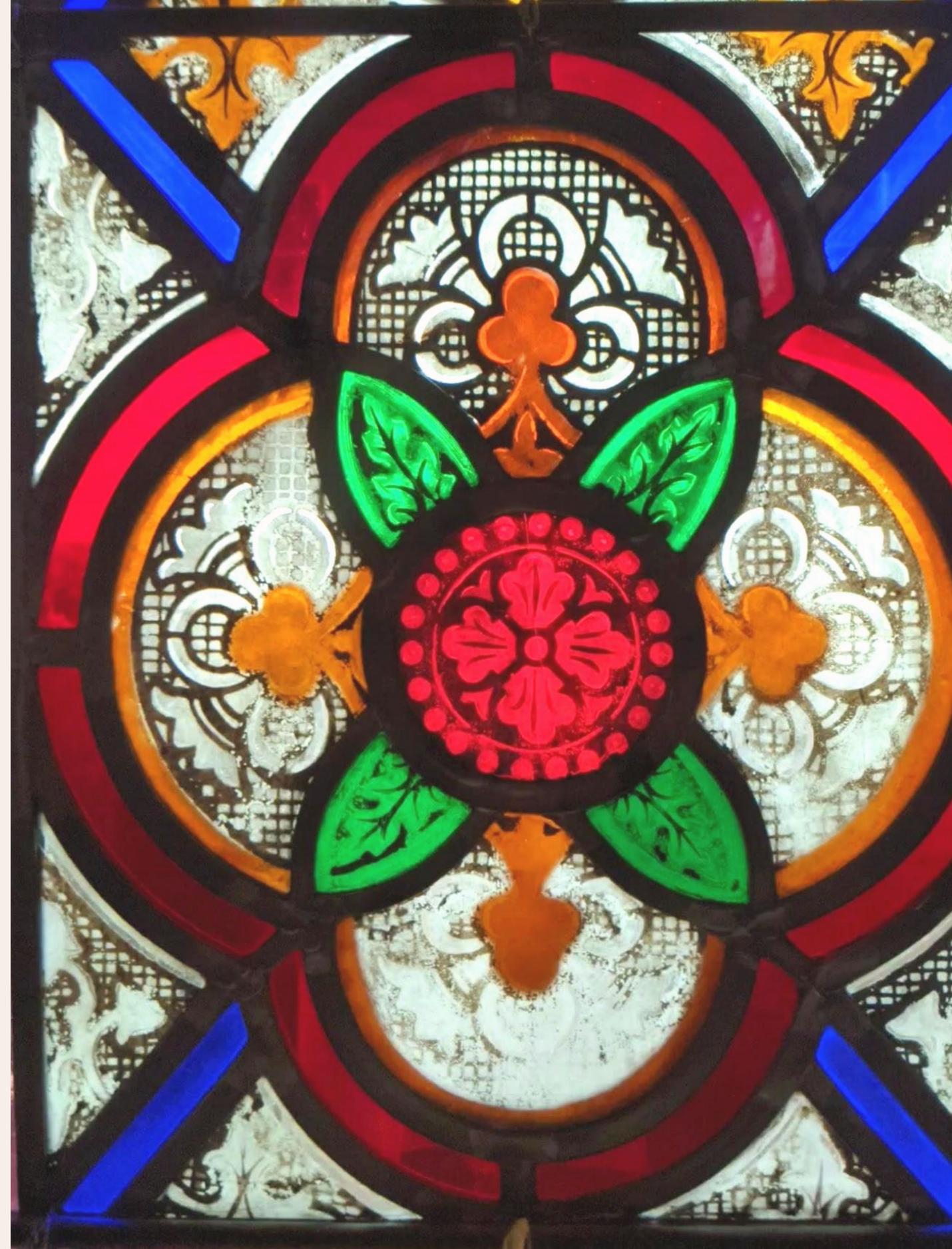
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection  
of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.



The Prayers of the People

*Reader*

God of love and light.

*Response*

**Hear our prayer.**



God with us, Emmanuel, on this holy night, we celebrate your birth in our midst. Alongside Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, help us to know ourselves to be part of your story of redemption and reconciliation.

God of love and light,  
**Hear our prayer.**

On the first Christmas, as Mary and Joseph looked for a place to rest there was no room in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home.

God of love and light,  
**Hear our prayer.**

A star shining in the darkness pointed the way. Bring light to those who are suffering in mind or body and for those who are alone.

God of love and light,  
**Hear our prayer.**

The angels sang their message of good news for all the people. Bring your good news to the troubled parts of our lives and to the troubled parts of the world around us.

God of love and light,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus was born in a stable as the savior and liberator of all creation. Bring healing and peace to our relationship with the earth and with each other.

God of love and light,

**Hear our prayer.**

The shepherds were commissioned to spread tidings of great joy, a joy that can reach even those in the shadow of death. We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

God of love and light,

**Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

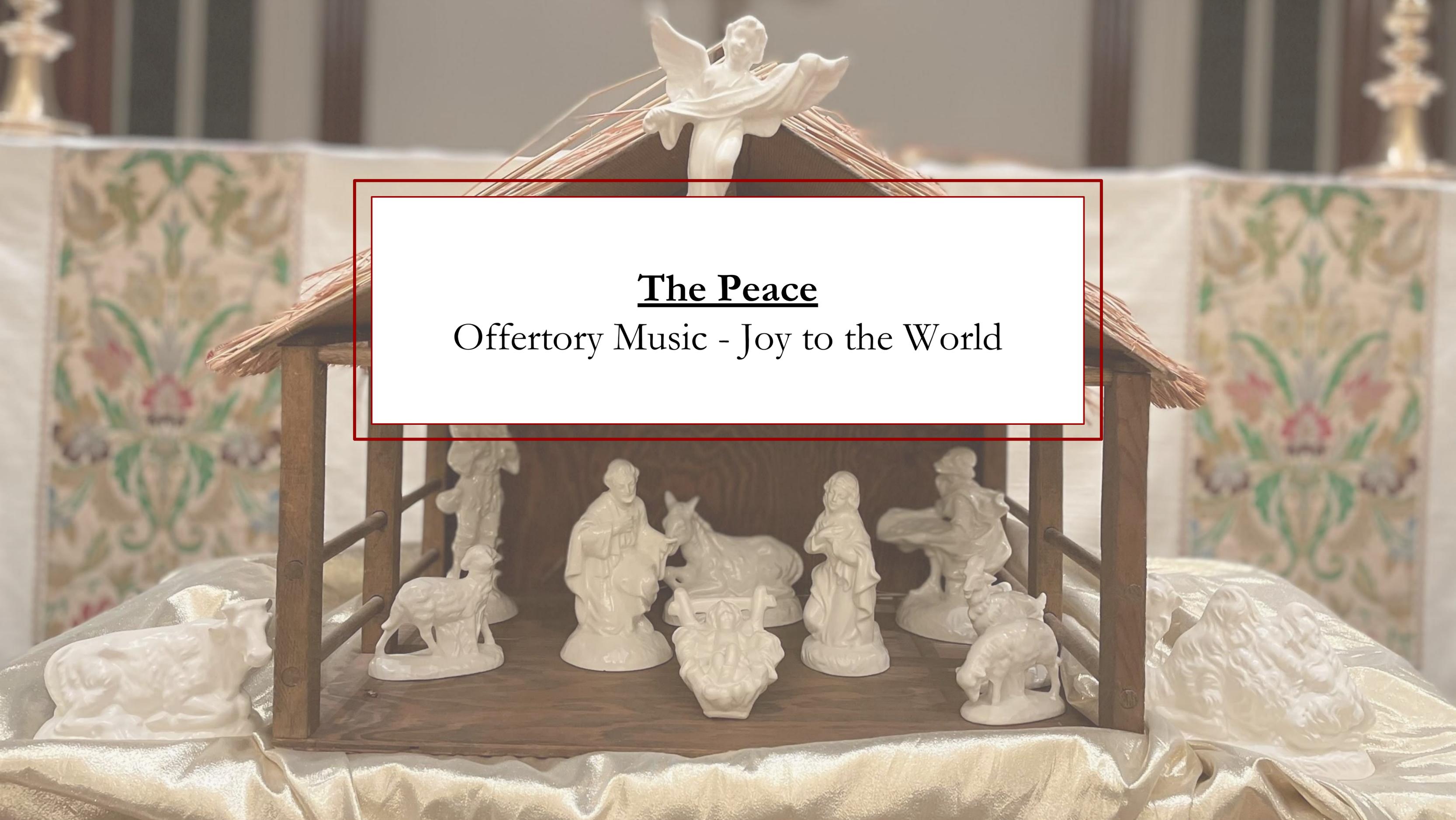
*All*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.



A white porcelain nativity scene is displayed on a wooden stand with a thatched roof. An angel with wings and a long robe stands on top of the roof, holding a bundle of straw. The scene includes figures of Joseph, Mary, the infant Jesus in a manger, and the three wise men. Two oxen and two donkeys are also present. The stand is set on a table covered with a gold and white patterned cloth. The background features a floral patterned curtain.

## The Peace

Offertory Music - Joy to the World

The Great Thanksgiving  
*Eucharistic Prayer B with spiritual communion*



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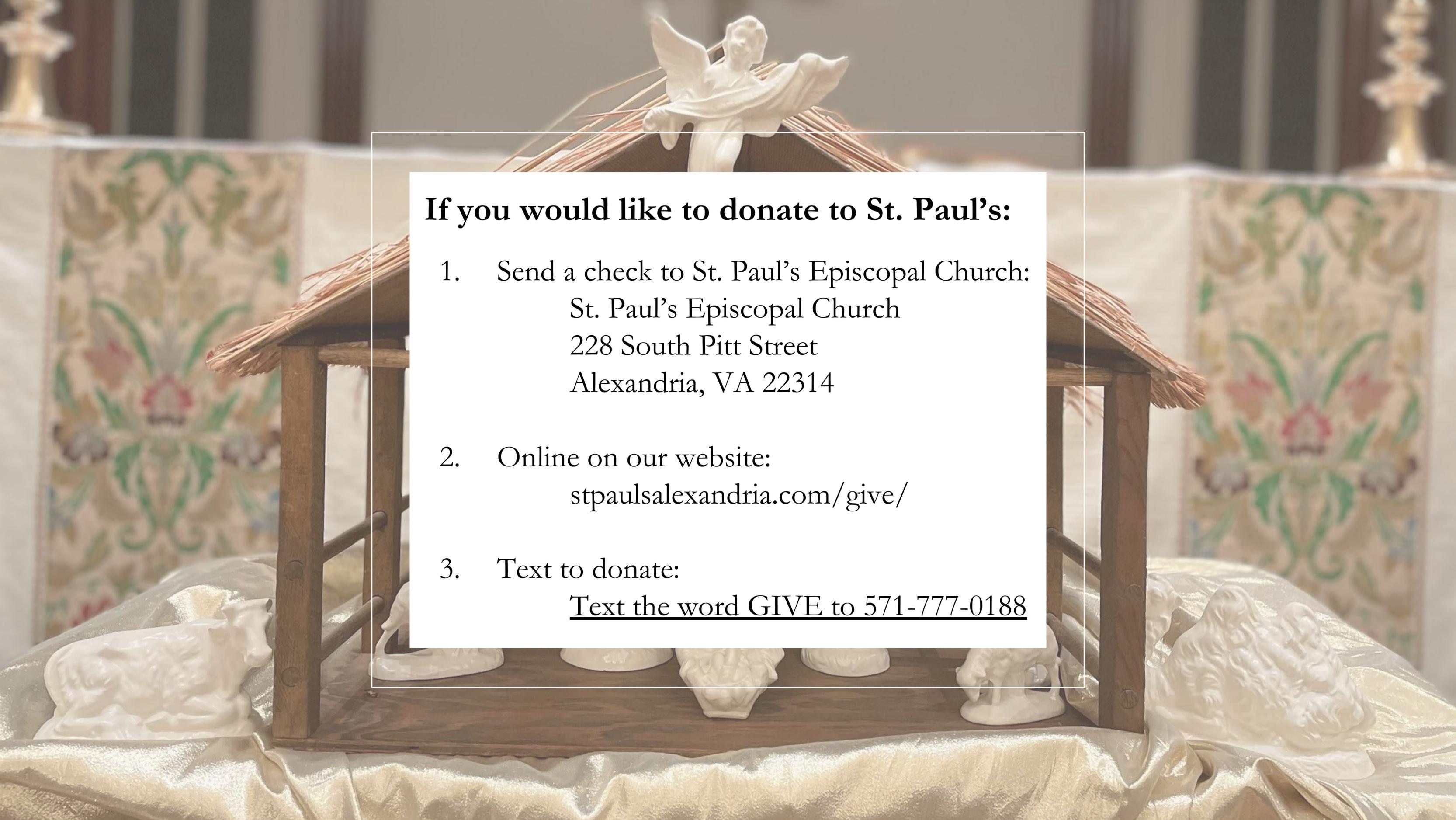
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