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Advent Calendar

Named after King David's father Jesse, the *Jesse Tree* is a representation of Christ's family tree.

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*
Isaiah 11:1

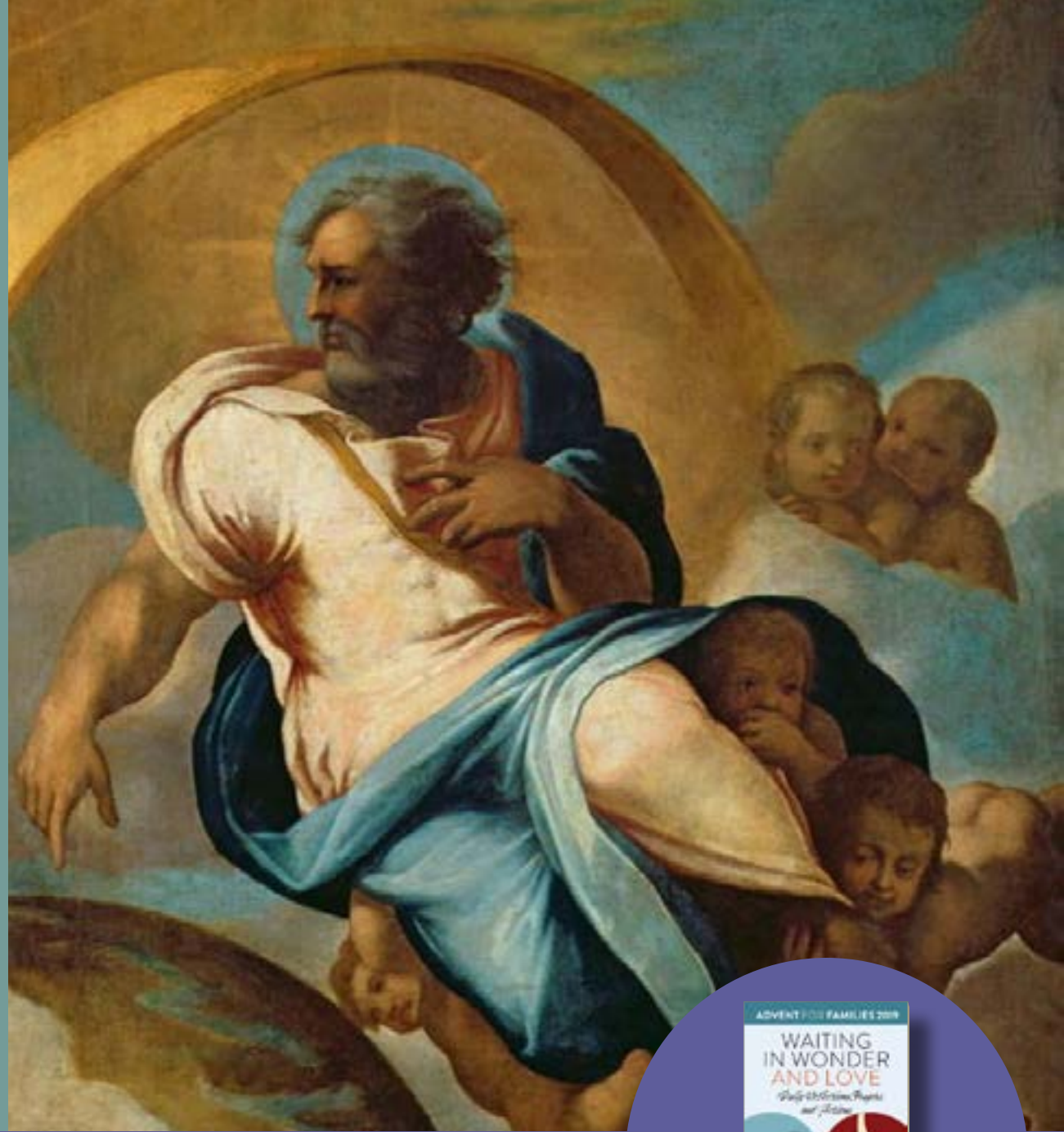
Absolon Stumme

The Tree of Jesse from the Dome Altar, 1499

Tempera and Gold Leaf on Panel



Eustache Le Sueur
The Creation of the World, c1600s
Oil on Canvas



Lord, thank you for this Advent time together. Guide us with your light. Help us spread your light and love each day.

Waiting in Wonder and Love – Connie Clark





DECEMBER 2, ADAM AND EVE

Vladimir Baranov-Rossiné

Adam and Eve, 1912

Oil on Canvas



“Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

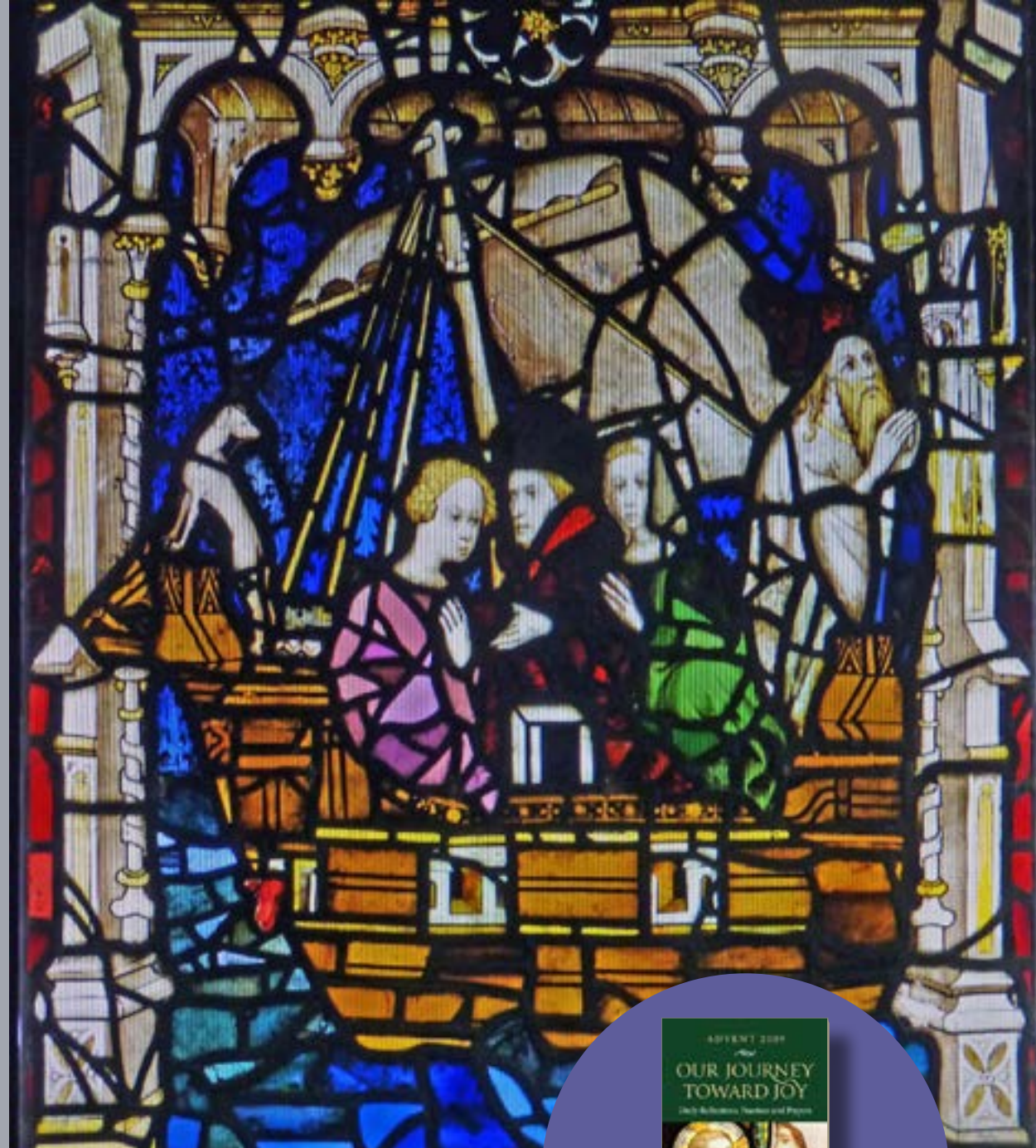
Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2019–20



John Thornton

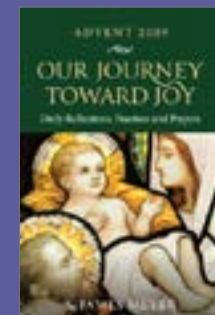
Noah's Arc, c1405-1408

Stained Glass, York Minister, Great East Window



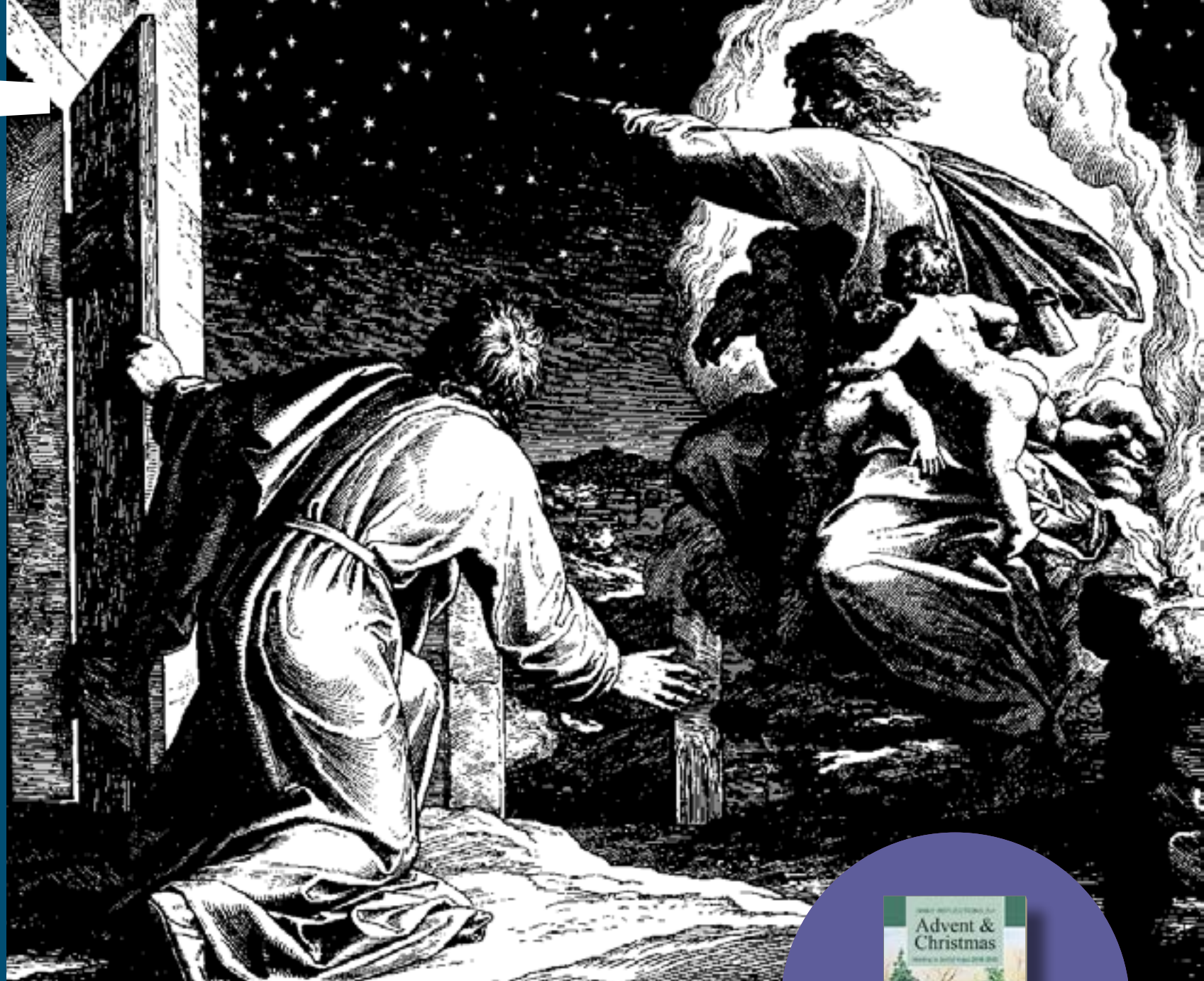
Be someone's unexpected gift today. Send flowers, write an old-school letter, call out of the blue, bring cookies, or whatever else your heart desires. Gift someone with love out of left field.

Our Journey Toward Joy – S James Meyer



Julius Schnorr
von Carolsfeld
*Abraham Leaves
Haran, 1860*

Woodcut for
“Die Bibel in Bildern”
Illustration



Come Holy Spirit. Enter my heart and make it your dwelling place. Move me beyond feelings of unworthiness to a place of trust in your love and mercy. Help me to reach out to those who are ignored and neglected today, and restore in us our dignity as children of God.

Waiting in Joyful Hope , Advent & Christmas 2019–20





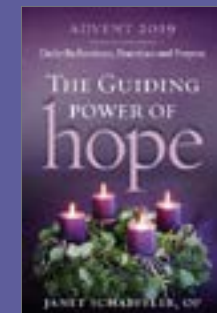
DECEMBER 5, SARAH

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Jan Provoost
Abraham, Sarah and the Angel, 1520s
Oil on Panel

Watch today for something that brings you joy, something, perhaps, that is always there but you've never noticed before.

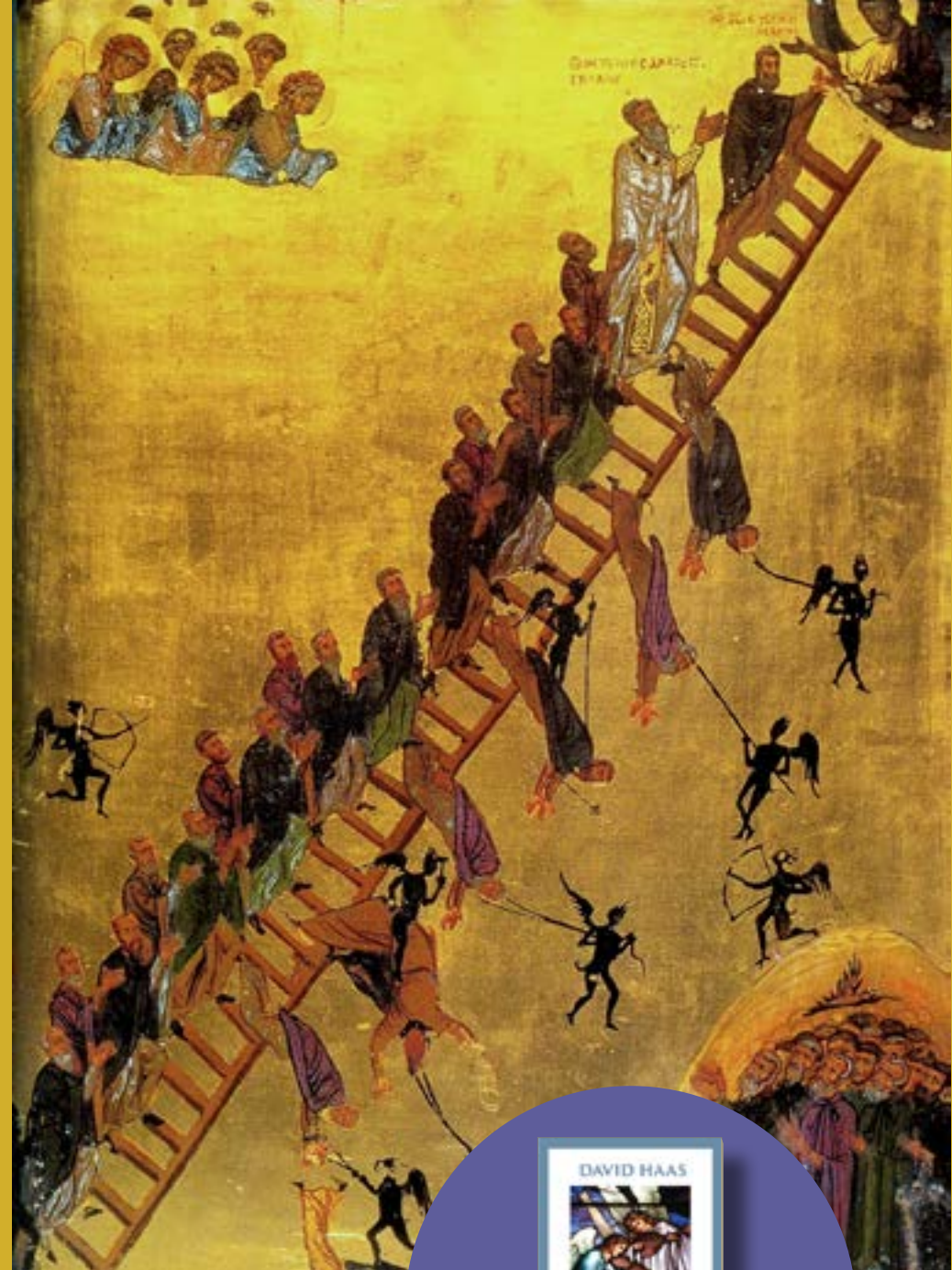
The Guiding Power of Hope – Janet Schaeffler, OP



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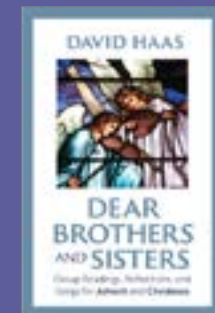
The Ladder of Divine Ascent, 12th century

Monastery of St Catherine, Sinai



The most important gift that we can pass on to anyone seeking to deepen their faith is a daily living reminder of how wonderful they are. When was the last time we not only admired someone, but actually told them so?

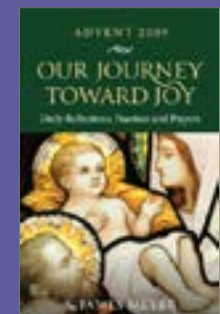
Dear Brothers and Sisters – David Haas



Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Dante's Vision of Rachel & Leah, 1855

Watercolour on Paper



Put love into action at the most basic level. Identify a random act of kindness and simply do it.

Our Journey Toward Joy – S James Meyer



Artist Unknown

Joseph and his Brothers Feasting

14th century

Help me, Lord, to be more conscious of your presence. Teach me to recognise your presence in others. Fill my heart with gratitude for the times your love has been shown to me through the care of others.

Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2019–20



Rembrandt
*Moses Smashing the
Tablets of the Law, 1659*
Oil on Canvas



Loving God, help me to choose life. ...Change in me all that is not of you so that I may become all you have created me to be.

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Artist Unknown

Ruth

Inside the
Nuestra Señora de Loreto Church,
Tultepec, Mexico

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Mary our Mother, bring peace to our home. Help us build shrines of love for your Son in our hearts. Help us to be like you, bringing Jesus' message of peace to the world.

Waiting in Wonder and Love – Connie Clark

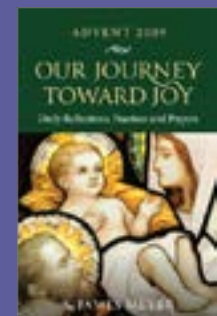


Frank William Warwick Topham
Samuel dedicated by Hannah at the Temple
c1800s
Oil on Canvas



Affirm someone today. Make it a point to tell them you admire and appreciate them just for who they are and the love they share.

Our Journey Toward Joy – S James Meyer



Peter Paul Rubens

King David Playing the Harp, c1600s

Oil on Panel



Be still, and know that I am God!" Lord, may your spirit guide me to seek your loving presence more and more for it is there I find rest and refreshment from this busy world.

Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2019-20





Peter Paul Rubens
The Judgement of Solomon, 1617
Oil on Canvas

Lord God, things can happen that frighten and worry us. Things can happen that we don't understand. But we know that you are with us always. Give us comfort, Lord. Give us your peace.

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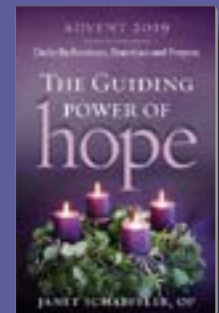


Frederich Leighton
Elijah in the Wilderness, 1878
Oil on Canvas



*Call, email, or spend time with someone who is experiencing loss, worry, or sadness at this time.
Listen; be God's messenger of concern to them.*

The Guiding Power of Hope – Janet Schaeffler, CP



Antonio Balestra
Prophet Isaiah, c1700s
Oil on Canvas



Lord, touch the eyes of my heart and help me believe that you can do all things. ...Touch me with your mercy so that I can see clearly, and let me be full-hearted in trusting your saving power.

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Gustave Dore
Nehemiah viewing the ruins
of the walls of Jerusalem, 1870
Engraving



Draw me more deeply Lord into your gentle and humble heart.

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Artist Unknown

Jonah and the Whale, 18th century

Fresco, Sumela Monastery, Turkey

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Lord, help me rejoice not only in the gifts you have given me but also the gifts you give to those around me.

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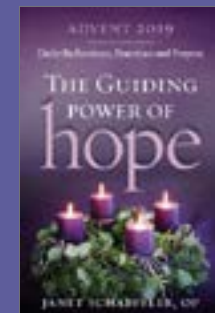
Tintoretto

Esther Before Ahasuerus, 1547

Oil on Canvas

*Imagine how the actions you take today could make a difference in someone's life tomorrow.
Will that ripple last for generations?*

The Guiding Power of Hope – Janet Schaeffler, OP



Andrea Verrocchi
Tobias and the Angel, 1470s
Tempera on Poplar Wood



What the world needs now, Pope Francis says, is a revolution of tenderness. When we let tenderness in, it softens our hearts, and it heals our wounds.

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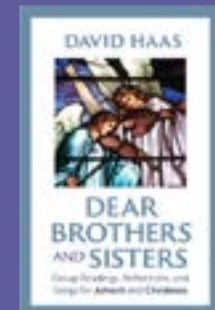


Peter Paul Rubens
Daniel in the Lions' Den, c1614-16

Oil on Canvas

Advent is about raising 'holy' questions in our lives: What does God want me to do with my life, both long-term and short-term? How can I advance God's presence to others? How can I be more 'light-filled'?

Dear Brothers and Sisters – David Haas



Philippe de Champaigne
The Visitation, c1643-48

Oil on Canvas



Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you Good News of a great joy that will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Luke 2: 10-12

Goodness and Light, Readings for Advent and Christmas

Meister der Kahriye-Cami-Kirche

Journey to Bethlehem, c1315-20

Mosaic, Istanbul



Take a walk or drive around your neighbourhood and look at Christmas lights. Think about how God's light guides your family.

Waiting in Wonder and Love – Connie Clark



Georges de La Tour
Saint Joseph Charpentier, 1640s
Oil on Canvas



Lord, help me to remember my days are short and that every day counts. Amid the passing things of this world, grant me the wisdom to choose well, to choose life, and to choose you.

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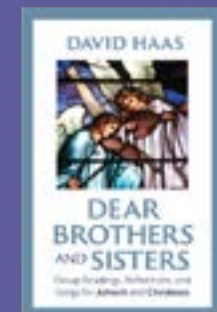


Antoniazio Romano
*Nativity with
Sts Lawrence and Andrew*
c1480-85
Tempera on Panel



Being in the 'Christmas spirit' is not something to see as an alternative way of living only during these days. It is to be the normative way that we live every day of our lives.

Dear Brothers and Sisters – David Haas



Merry Christmas!

Arthur Hughes
A Christmas Carol at Bracken Dene
1878 - 1879
Oil on Canvas



Ponder the inestimable gift of God becoming one of us.

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