



# First Sunday of Advent *Year A*

Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44

they shall beat their swords into  
plowshares, and their spears into  
pruning hooks;

Isaiah 2:4b

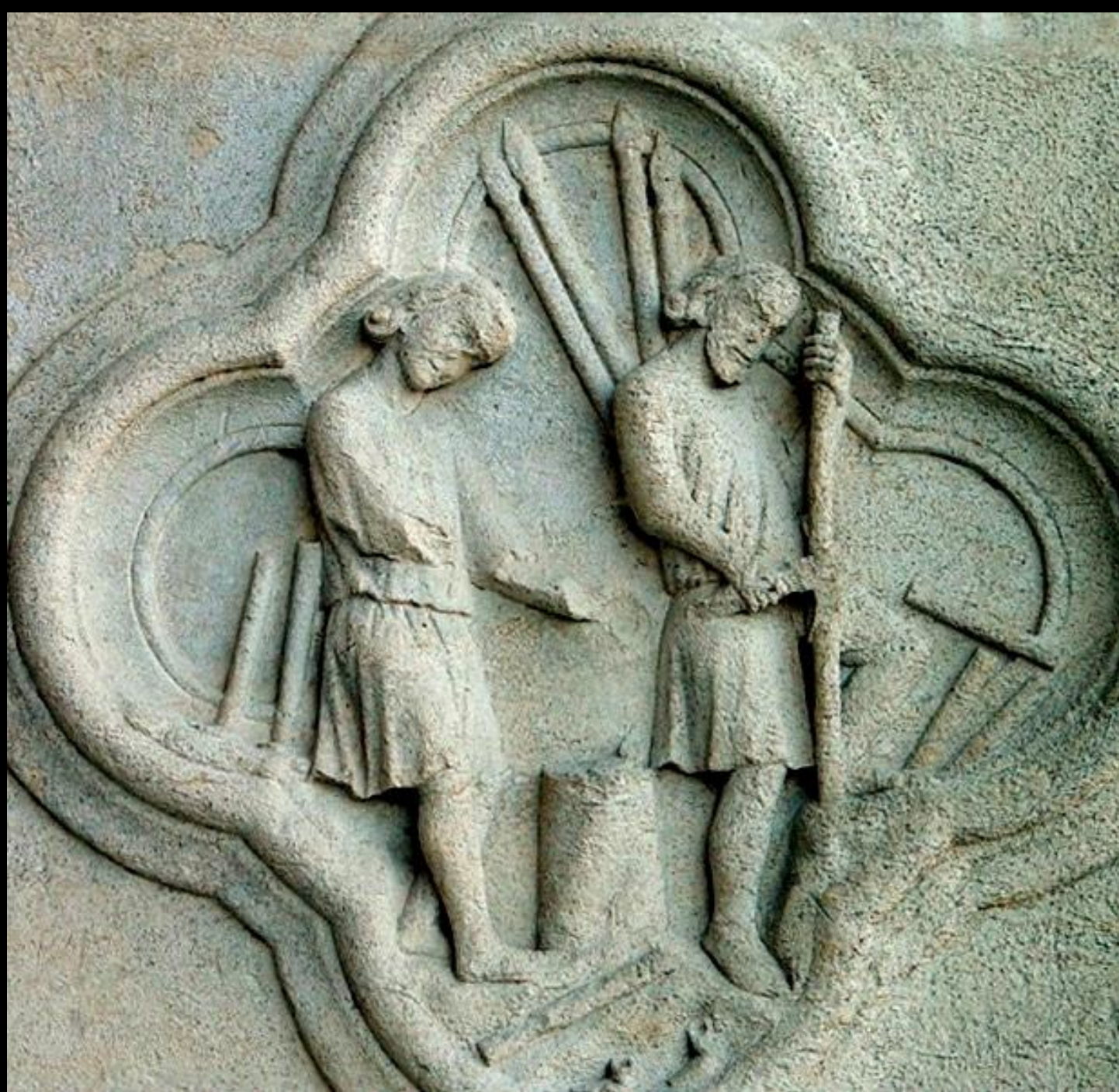
Beating Swords into  
Plowshares

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...and Spears Into  
Pruning Hooks

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... nation shall not lift up sword  
against nation.

Isaiah 2:4c



Nobel Peace Prize recipients on sections of former Berlin Wall -- Victor Landeta aka Aum

Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers  
... Peace be within you.

Psalm 122, v. 7, 8b



Paz = Peace

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Shalom – Peace Wall -- Hamilton, New Zealand

For as the days of Noah were,  
so will be the coming of the Son  
of Man...they knew nothing  
until the flood came and swept  
them all away.

Matthew 24:37, 39

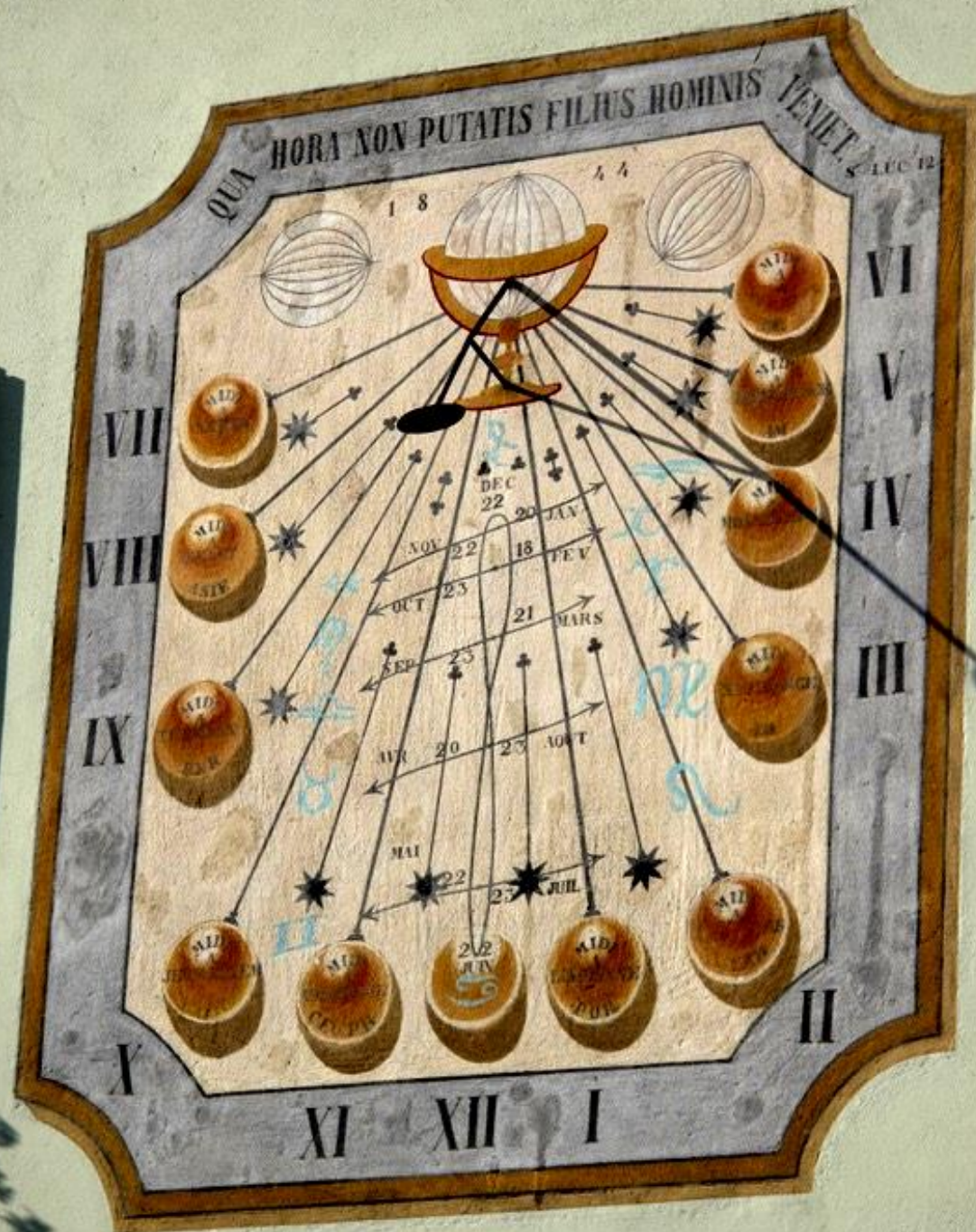


The Deluge -- Frederick Hart, Washington National Cathedral

But about that day and hour  
no one knows....

Matthew 24: 36a

“It will be at the hour  
you don't think...”  
translation of sundial  
text, Rectory  
Samoens, France



Two women will be  
grinding meal together;  
one will be taken and one  
will be left...

Matthew 24:41



Two Women at the Mill -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum

Therefore you also must be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an  
unexpected hour.

Matthew 24:44





Son of Man

David McFall  
Canterbury Cathedral

...lay aside the works of darkness  
and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:12b

Church of the Light

Tadao Ando  
Ibaraki, Japan





Cardboard Cathedral – Shigeru Ban, Christchurch, New Zealand



Vallarpadam Basilica

Vallarpadam, India



Light Upon the Cathedral – Gerry Hofstetter, National Cathedral, Washington, DC

...let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:5b



Mother and Child, Hawaii -- Charles W. Bartlett



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