

The St. John's Bible

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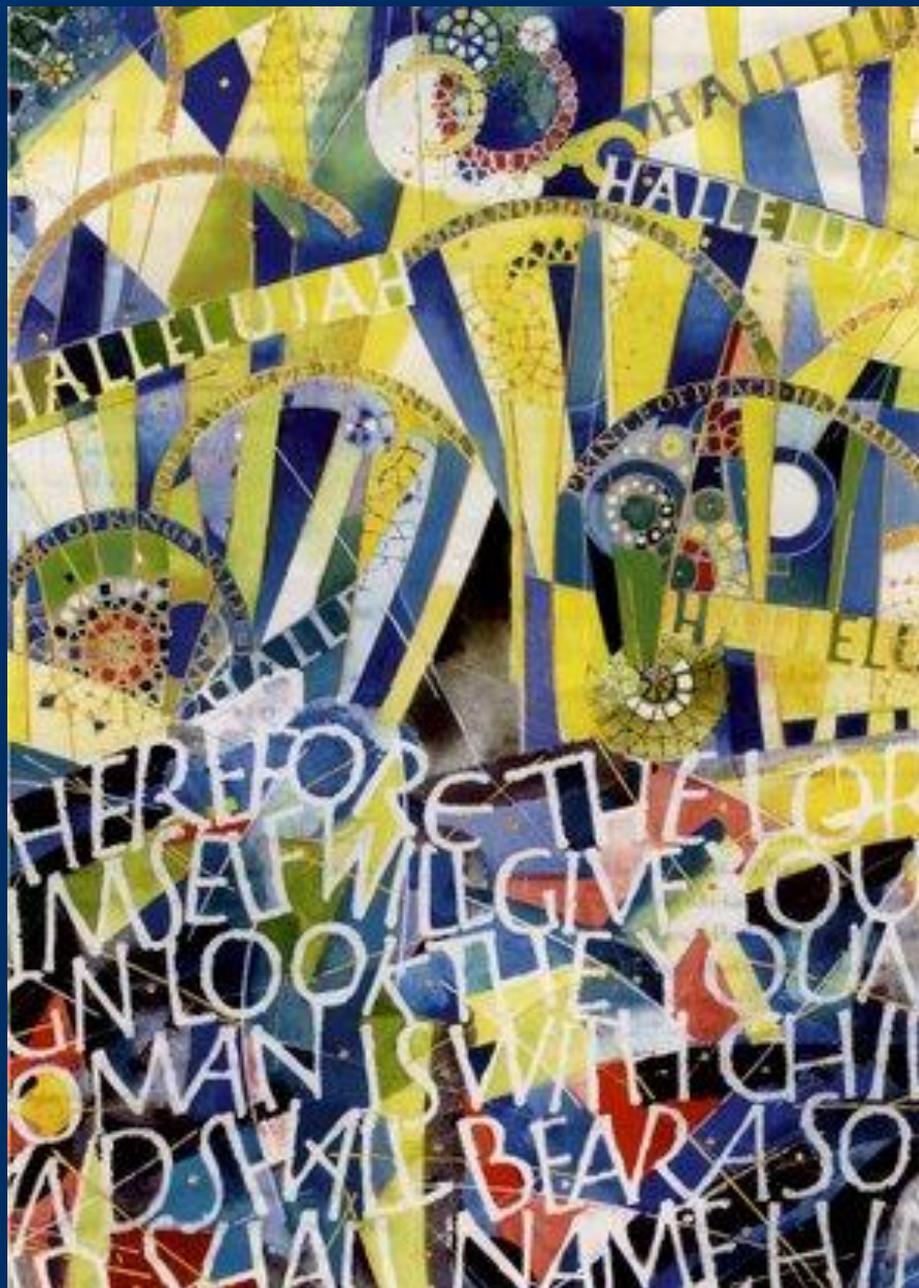
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A most illuminating Bible!



The Saint John's Bible is a 15-year collaboration of Scripture scholars and theologians at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN with a team of artists and calligraphers.



In 2000, Donald Jackson, senior scribe to Queen Elizabeth, and a crew of artists and calligraphers began the first of the Bible's 1,150 vellum pages.

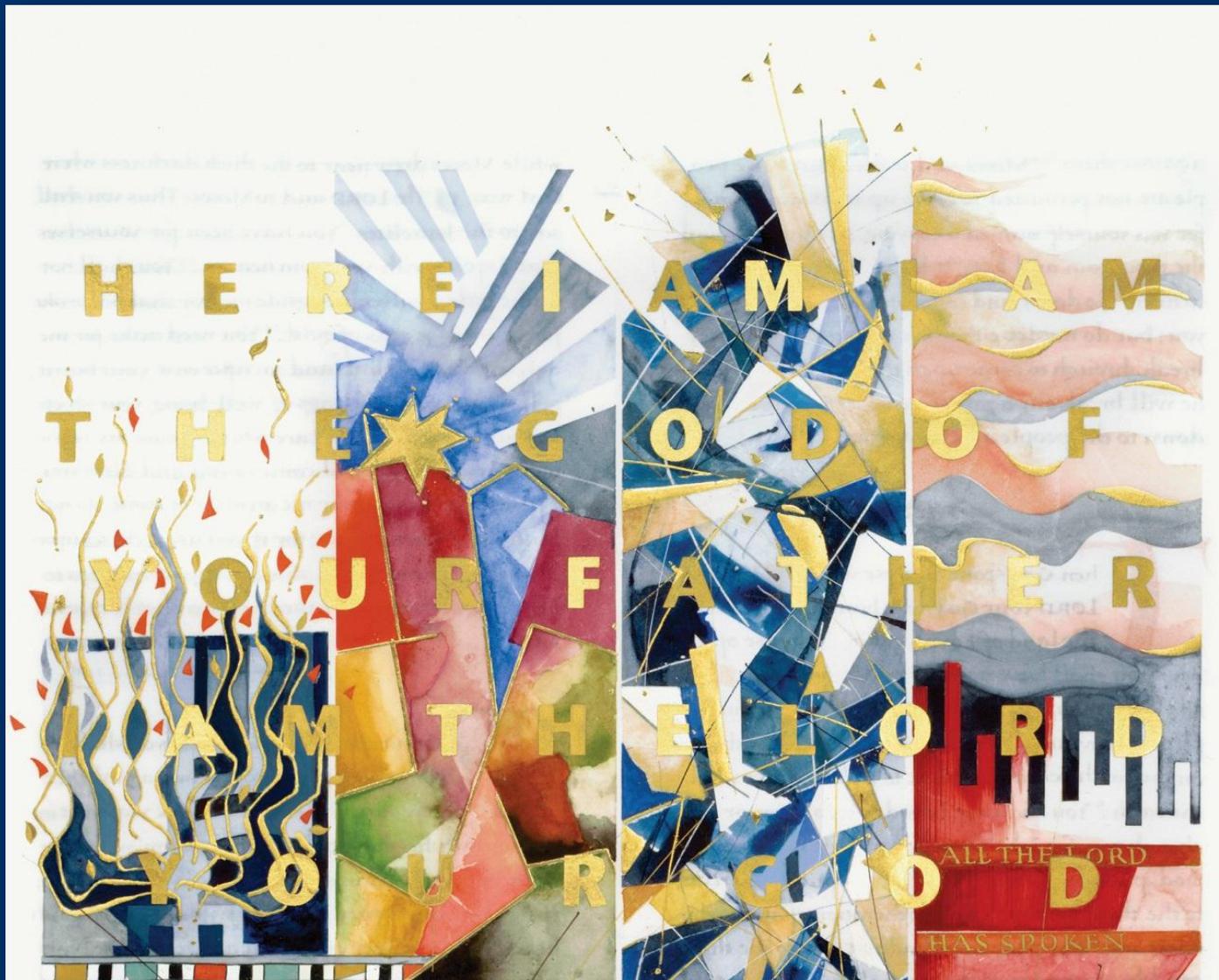


The monks of St John's Abbey wanted this illuminated Bible to reflect the values of hospitality, justice and love.



Creation, Donald Jackson with contributions by Chris Tomlin, 2003, *The Saint John's Bible* and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA.

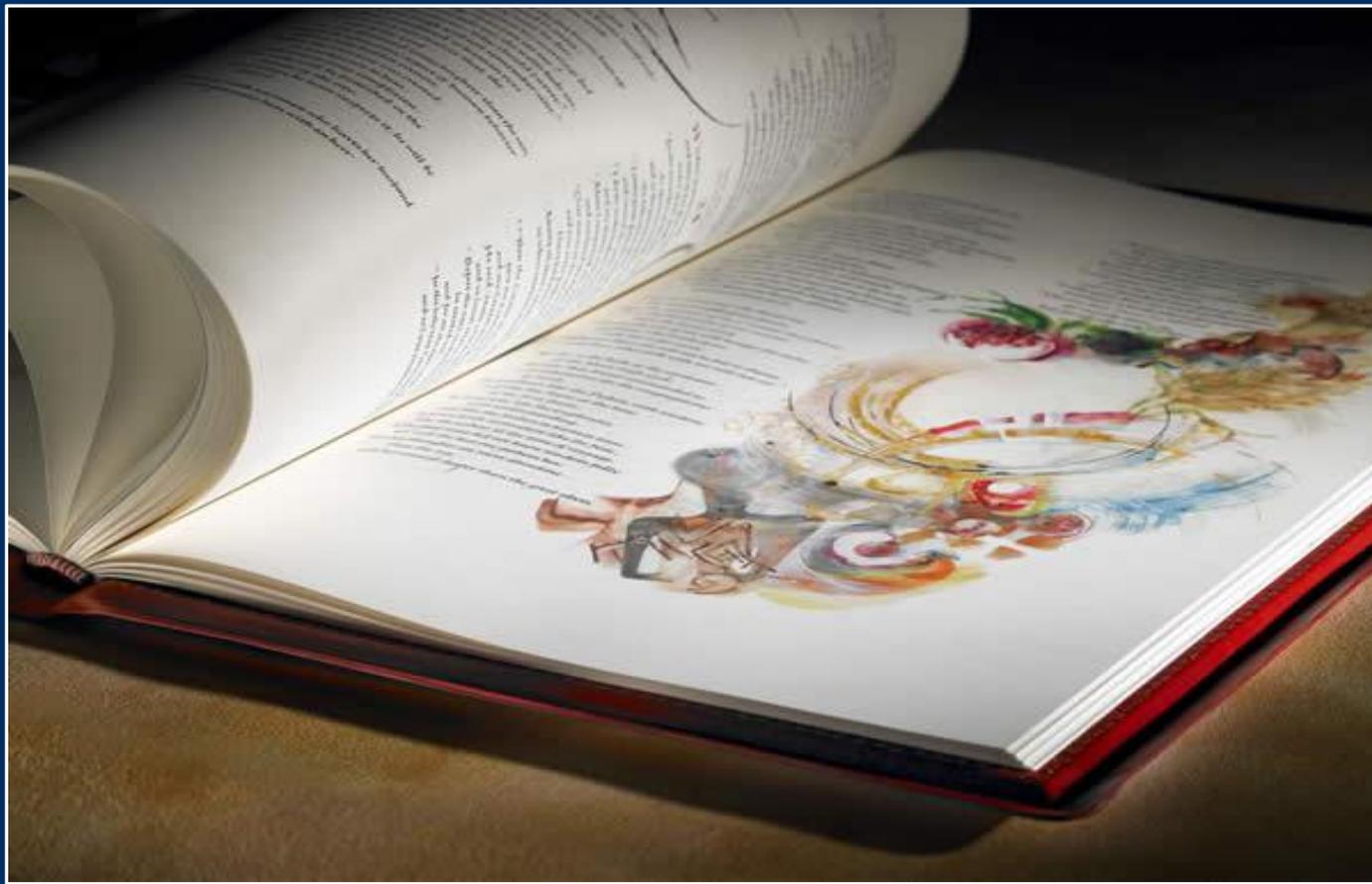
The St John's Bible is the first handwritten illuminated edition of the Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in 500 years.



A primary goal of The Saint John's Bible is to inspire and cultivate creativity.



The St. John's Bible features scripture with illuminations of humankind's accomplishments over the last 500 years.



The illuminations provide a spiritual meditation on the text and reflect God's all-embracing presence and inclusive welcome to the whole world.



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There are 160 illuminations designed in prayerful response to scripture passages.



The Bible is written and drawn entirely by hand using quills and pigments hand-ground from precious minerals and stones such as malachite, silver and 24-karat gold.



A team of scholars, theologians, artists and calligraphers from Minnesota and Wales worked together to complete the project.

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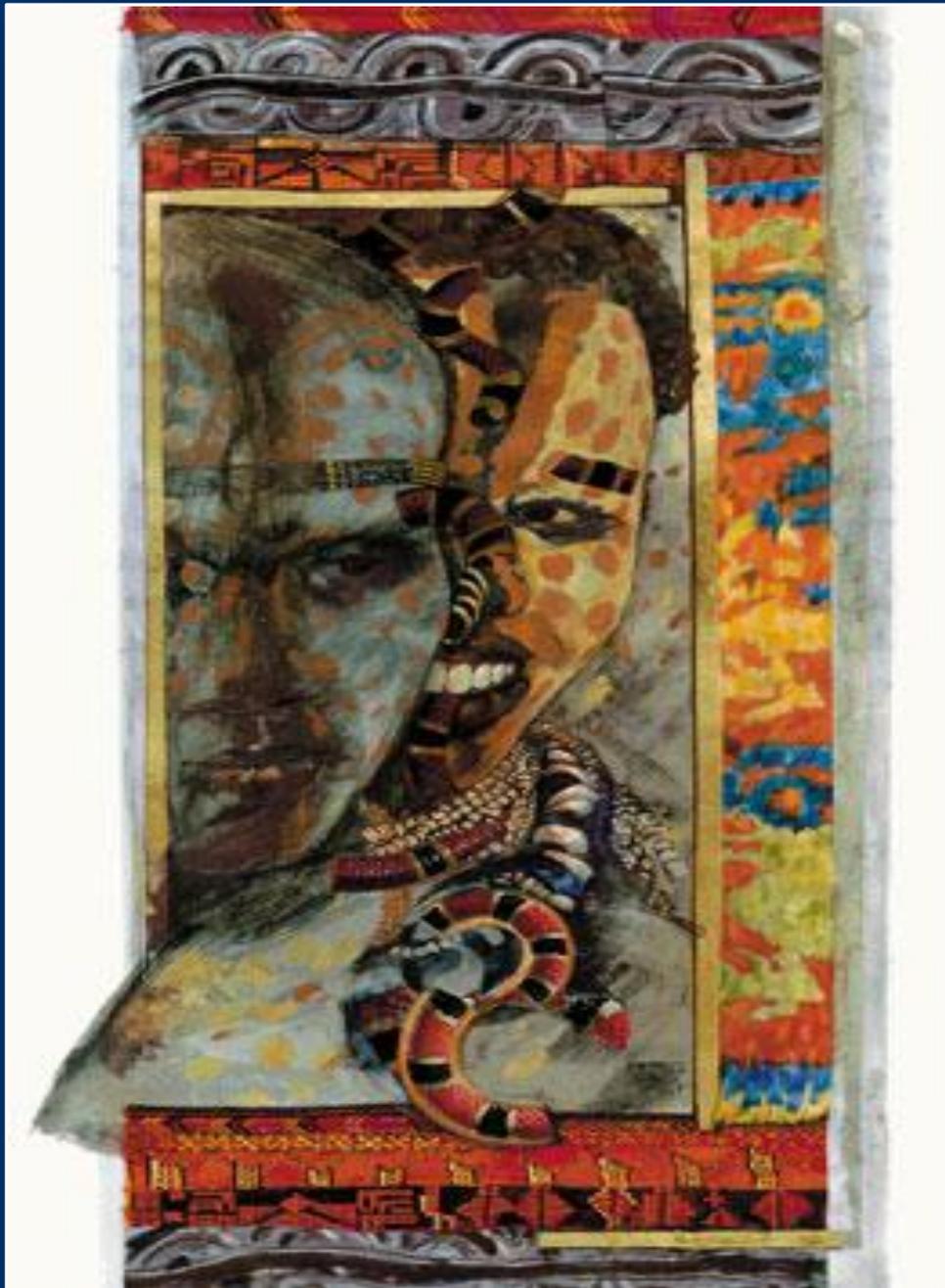
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Keep watching and learn more!



Many illuminations emphasize women, neglected peoples, and the poor. At the heart is God's global message of hope for all time, for all peoples, for all generations, and over all history.



The Saint John's Bible reflects a contemporary multicultural. The illuminations include imagery from other sources such as science, technology, Eastern religious traditions, and Native Americans.

(star, the Lord. This will be a sign for you. You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God & saying,

¹⁴ **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN & ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE WHOM HE FAVORS!”**

¹⁵ When the angels had left them & gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken

The Saint John's Bible is meant to ignite spiritual imaginations around the world.



The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition consists of seven volumes that are 2 feet by 3 feet when open.

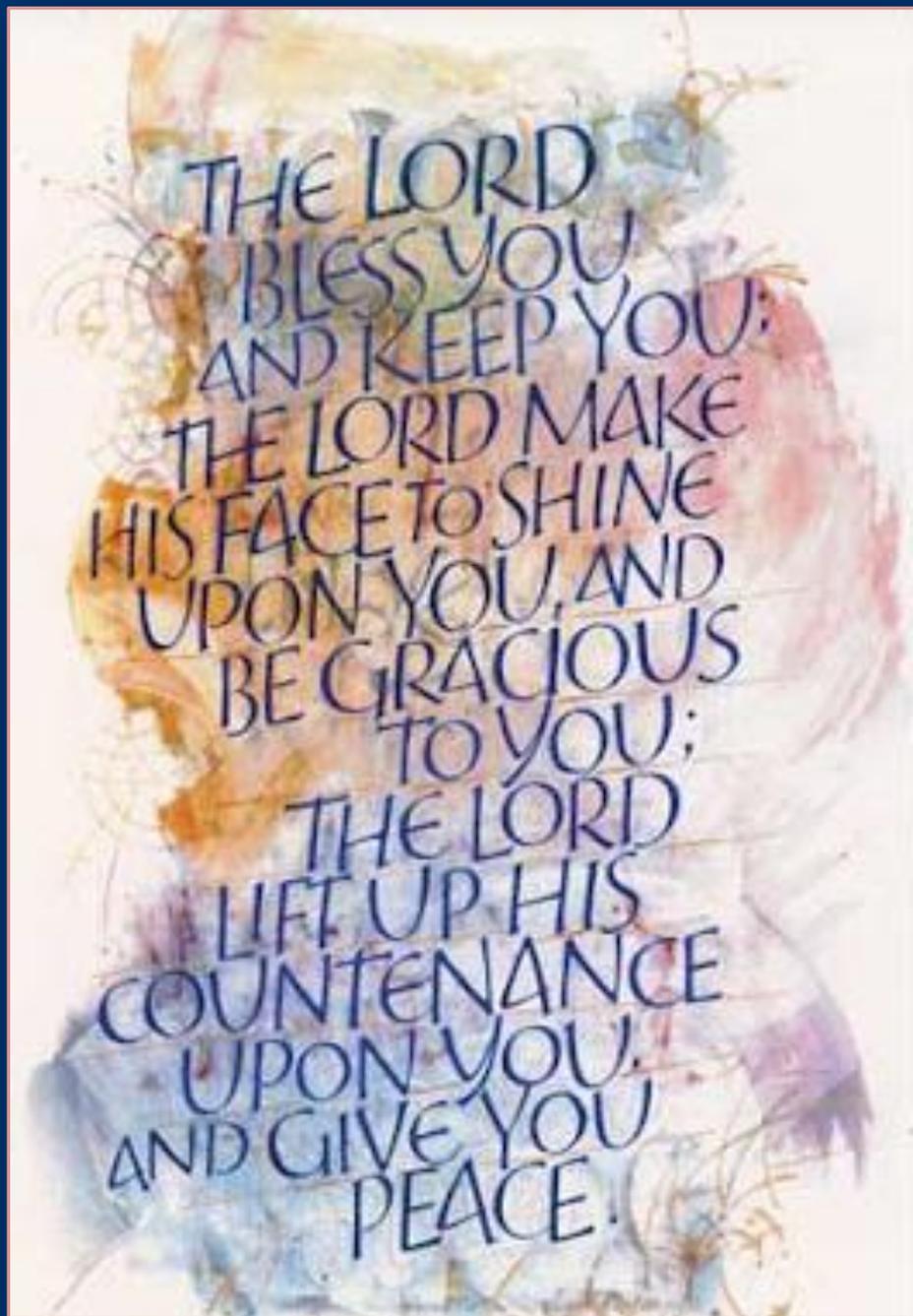


A Heritage Edition (one of only 299) was procured with the help of Trinity men and donated to the local hospitals.



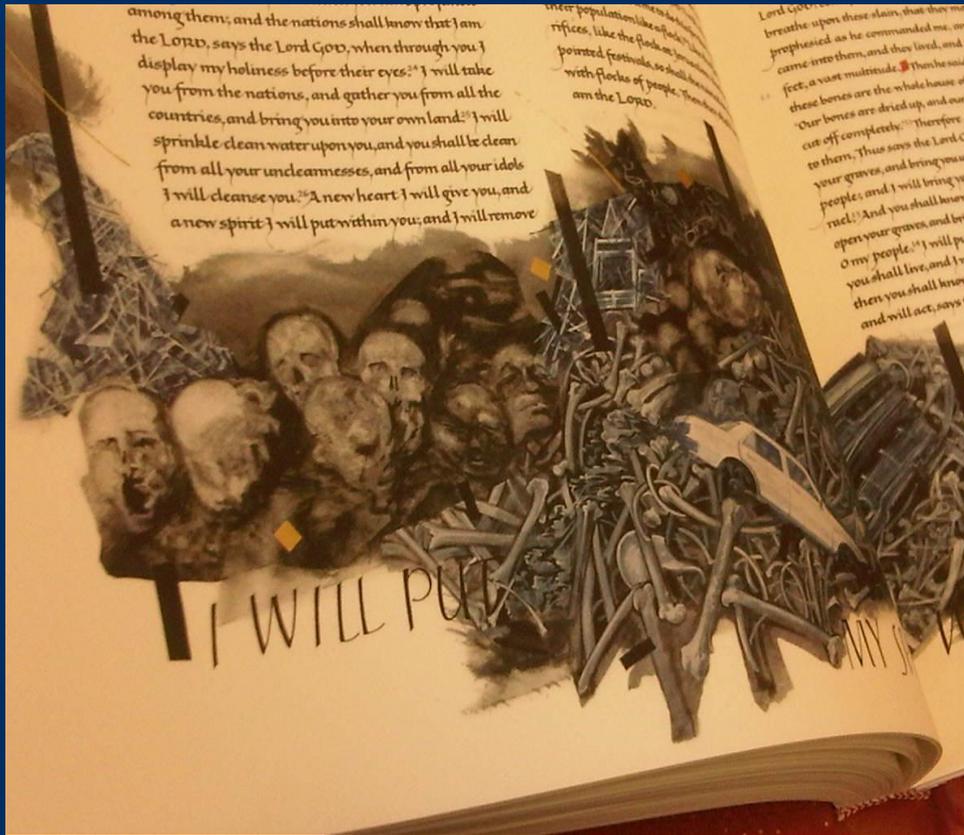
In this
illumination
Mary
Magdalene
meets Jesus
after his
resurrection.

The “Marlene and Dick Cable Family Fund” in Trinity’s Endowment Trust Fund provided the library edition of the St John’s Bible for Trinity. This fund was established by her family and friends in Marlene’s memory.

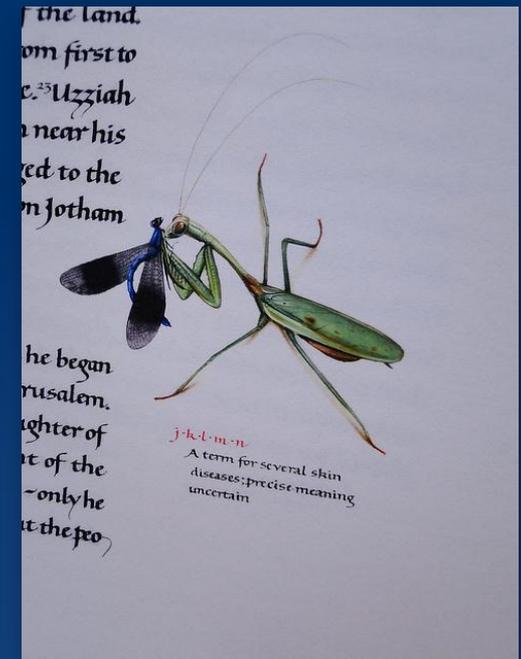
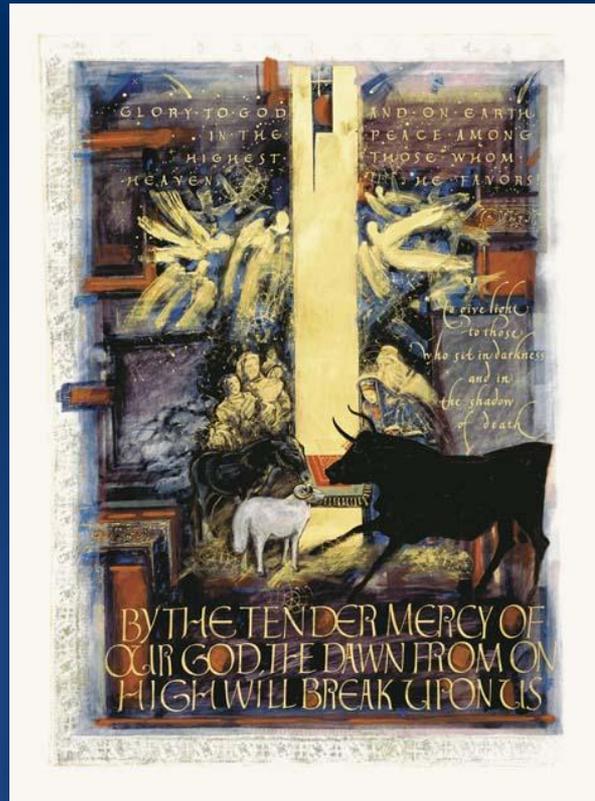




The Creation story panels are rough and unfinished on the edges. This reminds us that creation is still happening; it's a work in progress, and so are we.



The St John's Bible includes 160 illuminations including a satellite view of the Earth and scenes of genocide to reflect the time in which the Bible was written.



The illuminations also give clues. All animals, fauna and insects in the artwork are native to Minnesota to show the origins of the St John's Bible for future societies that may discover it long after we and our heirs are gone.

In Christian art the butterfly symbolizes resurrection. The three stages of its life-- caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly-- correspond to life, death, & resurrection.

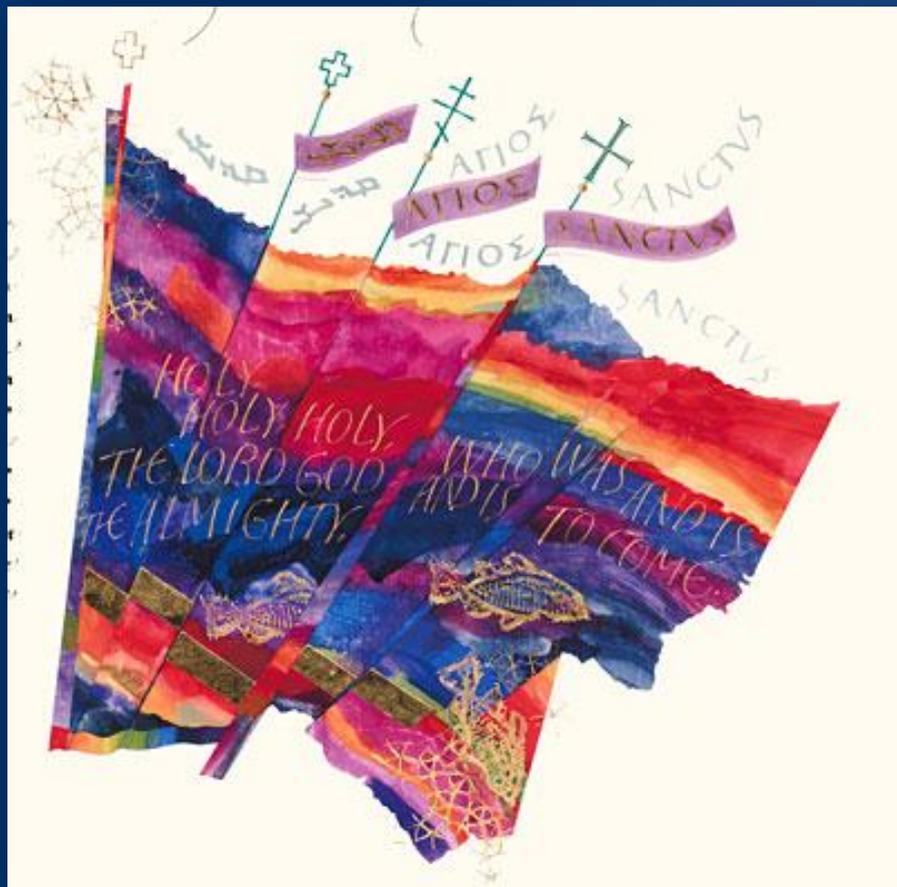
“God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars.” *Martin Luther*





As you learn more about The Saint John's Bible, it is our hope that the Scriptures will open up to you and that your journey will become a journey toward God.

The St. John's Bible in Trinity's Library



“ For ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’ That word is the good news that was announced to you.”

1 Peter 1:24-25



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