

The East Window of Holy Trinity Church, Castelnau, Barnes

This replaced the original window, depicting the Ascension, which was destroyed by bombing in 1942(?). The new window was the work of Claire Dawson in 1950(?).

Summary

The central figure is Jesus as our great high priest, ascending in glory to his Father. He is flanked by two angels bearing the crown of thorns and the symbols of the passion. From below, he is watched by St Peter with his shepherd's staff and the keys of heaven. To the right stands St John the beloved disciple, while St Luke sits writing his gospel account of the Ascension. To the left stands Mary the Mother of Jesus, accompanied by another disciple.

Christ

He stands, wearing the red robe of priesthood, with golden chalice and host in the centre. In his hands, uplifted in blessing, can be seen the marks of the nails, as also in his feet. In the halo round his head is the word "CHRISTUS". He is surrounded by the golden rays of the cloud of glory, extending just into the side windows and ringed by a band of green. Behind him is the blue sky of heaven in which can be seen the XP monogram and the letters IHS, the Greek letters for Christ and Jesus.

Above his head the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descends upon him, while at the very top of the window the hand of the Father reaches down in blessing through the rainbow that surrounded his throne in heaven.

In between two small angels in green with red wings carry down the crown of glory, marked with the words "Salvator Mundi" - Saviour of the World.

Angels

The angel to the left carries the crown of thorns, with the letters IHS for Jesus in the centre. His robe is marked with the words "Laudate Dominum" - Praise the Lord.

Two small red squares to left and right carry the figure of the Archangel Gabriel on the left announcing to the Blessed Virgin on the right that she was to be the Mother of the Lord. The words "Ave Maria" indicate her message.

The angel to the right carries in a gold circle the three nails of the crucifixion and the rope scourge. His robe is marked with the words "OMNES ANGELI" - All ye angels, completing the words on the other angel's robe. Both angel's feet are marked with stars.

Saint Peter

Robed in green and gold, St Peter carries his shepherd's crook from which are suspended the keys of heaven. Beneath his feet, behind the reredos are the lambs he tends. In a panel by his left shoulder is the cock crowing when he denied Jesus on the last night of his life.

Saint John

Stands on the right in purple and brown. Behind his head is the name in Latin "JOHANNES".

Saint Luke

In green and blue sits writing his gospel in Greek, with quill pen.

To the left, Saint Mary stands in blue. Beside her is an unidentified disciple with hands joined in prayer.

