

THE CREATION

Epistle Side ~ First Window from the Altar

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Genesis 1:27

“But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” Genesis 3:3

“Therefore, the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.” Genesis 3:23

Symbols:

Star of Creation or Star of David is the symbol of Judaism. The six points recall the six days of creation. The Greek letter “Lambda” in the center of the star is the first letter of the word “logos”, which is Greek for “word”. This refers to the first chapter of John and the first chapter of Genesis.

Sun, stars, and moon represent the creation of heaven and earth. The cypress trees convey the idea of prayer or death.

Central figures depict the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The thistle below the garden refers to Genesis 3:18, “Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.” The thistle, therefore, represents earthly sorrow and sin.

In the small circle, which represents eternity, is the Hebrew letter “yod”, the first letter of the Hebrew word “yah-weh”, meaning God.

The flaming sword symbolically guarded the path to the tree of life after the expulsion of Adam from the Garden of Eden. The wings symbolize a divine mission.

The shovel is representative of Adam’s expulsion from the Garden of Eden to “till the ground from when he was taken.”

