

The Great East Window



The Great East Window is by **George Eamer Kempe**: it was **Composition 491**, executed in July 1899.

It is a *Jesse Window* combined with an *Arbor Vitae*. In a time when the Liturgy and inscriptions were in Latin and the majority of people could not read, stained glass was used to illustrate Biblical stories. The *Jesse Window* gives the genealogy (or some of it) as documented in the Gospels of Saint Matthew (1: 11 - 17) and Saint Luke (3: 23 - 38). It is called after Jesse, the father of King David. The *Arbor Vitae* mainly illustrates a succession of prophets whose prophecies are associated with the coming of Christ.

The panels:

Jesse Tree			Arbor Vitae		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
King Hezekiah	Our Lady	King Asa	An angel	Christ on the Cross	An Angel
King Rehoboam	King David	King Abijah (Abia)	An angel	An angel	An angel
King Solomon	Jesse	King Jehosaphat	Jeremiah	Moses	Micah
King Uzziah (Osias)		King Joram	Daniel		Samuel
Saint Matthew			Hosea		Isaiah
					S John the Evangelist