Sacrifice of Issac



Brief description: A panel depicting the sacrifice of Isaac.

This panel depicts an incident from Genesis 22, where Abraham's faith is tested when God asks him to sacrifice his son. Here, Abraham is shown in the centre, wearing a long red robe and a golden cloak with an elaborate jewelled clasp. Isaac is bound and kneeling upon an altar, wearing a white loincloth. Abraham holds his head down with one hand and raises the knife with the other, but has paused, turning back towards an angel. The angel emerges from a cloud, with multicoloured wings. They gesture up to heaven with one hand, and to a lamb trapped in a thicket below with the other. Abraham will be able to use the lamb as a substitute for Isaac, as a reward for his faith. In the right-hand corner, a thurifer is depicted, issuing a cloud of the incense appropriate for a sacrifice. The background is made up of curling foliage patterns and multicoloured plants.

Object type: panel

Number of objects: 1

Production date: 1

Production period: 19th century, mid

Designer: William Wailes

Manufacturer: Wailes, William

Dimensions: Height: 1100 mm, Width: 500 mm

Acquisition: bequest 2004

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