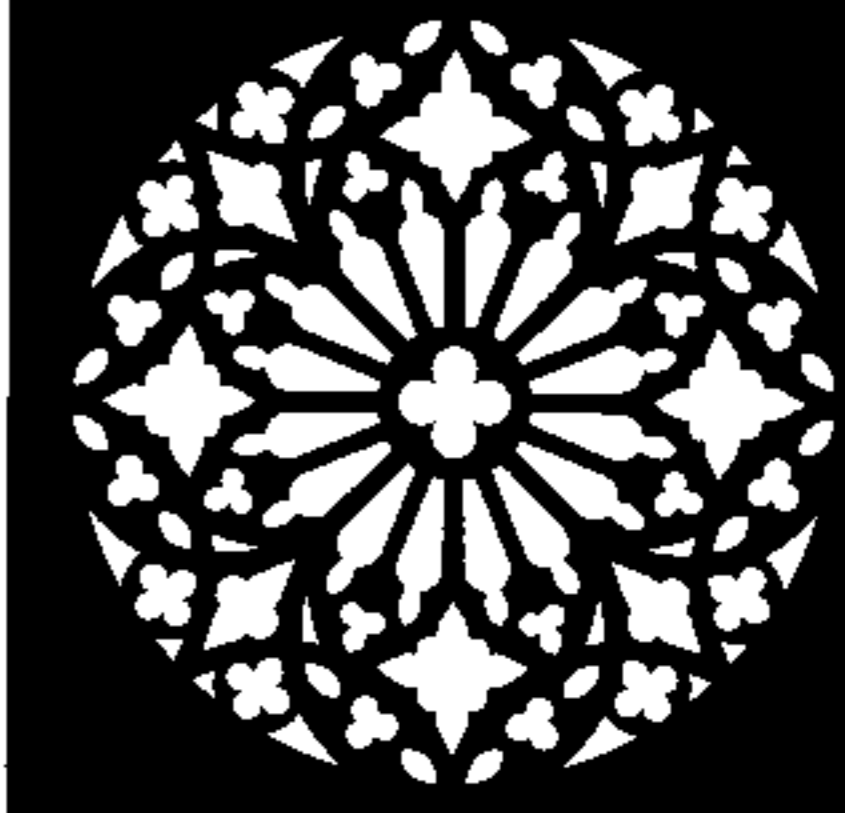


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Dear John:

Your music and guitar playing on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, touched me deeply. I did not expect later to attend *Stabat Mater* and find myself even more taken, even to the point of tears.

You have a great gift, John, of touching peoples' hearts and souls. We are more open and better aligned to God's spirit because of what your music does. I hope you realize that the angels sing each time you compose or perform.

Thank you for sharing your gift with the Cathedral community. I look forward to many opportunities to hear you and to have you as part of the liturgy.

My best wishes for a powerful Holy Week and glorious Easter.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Dr. James A. Kowalski  
Dean