



The Historic Stained Glass Windows of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Manchester, Connecticut

The original 1882 chancel of St. Mary's, now called Resurrection Chapel, is home to five antique stained glass windows. Experts say that all were designed and crafted by the famed studio of Louis Comfort Tiffany. One of the windows, entitled "Angel of Resurrection," is a "plated" or multi-layered window of American opalescent glass, while the other four are crafted in the "jewel" style.

The windows were given to St. Mary's by members of the Cheney family, which, in 1838, founded Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Co. in what was then called South Manchester. In 2007, the people of St. Mary's began a campaign to raise funds to restore the historic windows. The beautifully restored windows were dedicated on April 26, 2009.

(Assume windows are lettered A – E, when viewed left to right)

Angel of Resurrection (Window C – center)

The "angel window" was given to St. Mary's by Richard O. and Sophie H. Cheney in memory of two of their children, who died quite young. The original dedication on the window reads:

In Loving Memory Of Their Children
May, October 18, 1890 – Ralph, June 12, 1896
Erected by Their Parents
Richard O. And Sophie H. Cheney

North Wall Jewel Window (Window A) and South Wall Jewel Window (Window E)

These two windows were evidently given by Arthur Cheney and his wife, Emeline Lewis Cheney, to memorialize Arthur's father, Ward Cheney, and Emeline's mother, also named Emeline. The original dedication on the north window reads:

In Memory Of Ward Cheney
Born February 23, 1813
Died March 22, 1876

The original dedication on the south window reads:

In Memory Of Mrs. Emeline Lewis
Born October 18, 1804
Died April 3, 1880

North Wall Jewel Window (Window B) and South Wall Jewel Window (Window D)

These bear no dedication.