The Chapel Windows
The various windows used in the chapel are marked examples of Tiffany glasswork, all featuring the latest improvements and discoveries in glass, leads, and methods of construction. They are built using the mosaic technique. In one window alone, there are more than ten thousand individual pieces of glass. No paints or enamels have been used in these windows except in the flesh of various figures. The windows are as follows:

- **Field of Lilies**, c. 1892–1916
  - Leaded glass
  - Gift of Adelphi College, Garden City, New York

- **Adoration**, c. 1900–1916
  - Leaded glass, iron
  - Gift of Adelphi College, Garden City, New York

- **The Story of the Cross**, c. 1892
  - Leaded glass
  - Gift of Adelphi College, Garden City, New York

- **Christ Blessing the Evangelists**, c. 1892
  - Leaded glass
  - Gift of Adelphi College, Garden City, New York

After the fair, Tiffany reinstalled the chapel at his studios in New York City. Then it was installed in a substantially different form in 1898 in the crypt of New York’s Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, which was still under construction. Though used for services for about ten years, the chapel eventually fell into disrepair, its very existence threatened. In 1916, Tiffany reacquired the chapel, restored it, and installed it in a small building at his Long Island estate, Laurelton Hall. In 1959, twenty-six years after Tiffany’s death, Jeannette and Hugh McKean acquired the remains of the chapel at Laurelton Hall. In the years following, they reassembled virtually all of the furnishings and windows that had been dispersed when the estate was sold. With the exception of two of the four benches, all of the elements in the Museum’s chapel exhibit are original to Tiffany and most date from Chicago, 1893. These include the decorative moldings, altar floor, carved plaster arches, marble and glass-mosaic furnishings, four leaded-glass windows, sixteen glass-mosaic encrusted columns, and a ten-foot by eight-foot electrified chandelier. The nonhistorical parts of the chapel—walls, nave floor, and ceilings—are based on available knowledge of Tiffany’s installations at Laurelton Hall and Chicago.
The chapel was his favorite among all his works, not least because it was a trial run, a proving ground for nearly everything he made later.

Hugh F. McKean

Note to visitors: An automated lighting system in the chapel cycles through four two- to three-minute settings, each a new visual interpretation of the space. The lowest light setting shows the chapel at its most mystical, suggesting the experience of the million or more visitors who saw it at the 1893 Chicago world’s fair.