Who is this who comes from Edom, from Bozrah, in garments dyed scarlet, glorious in his apparel, advancing in the fullness of his force?

It is I, who speaks with justice, who does combat for salvation.

Why is your apparel red, and your garments like those who stomp the wine-press?

Isaiah 63:1-2 from the liturgy of the Feast of the Holy Shroud, May 4

Gothic apse of the Chapel of the Holy Shroud, Chambéry; the oldest part of the church, flanked by medieval walls.

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