



self-discovery

1 The declaration

Sisters and brothers,

Baptism is a gift of God and declares to us the love and grace of God. In this sacrament we celebrate the life of Christ laid down for us, the gift of the holy spirit and the living water given for us. Although we do not fully understand the gifts of God's grace and do not deserve them we accept them with joy.

2 The request for Baptism

Amarachi and Kelechi, now that you have heard these things, how do you respond to the offer of God's grace?

(Answer) We thank God and ask that David be baptised.

(Water is poured)

3 Thanksgiving over the water.

Gracious God, we thank you for your gift of water and the Holy Spirit, for your cleansing and life giving power.

Pour out your Holy Spirit that the one to be baptised may die to sin, be raised with Christ and be born to new life in the family of your church. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

4 The Affirmation of Faith

Parents and Godparents

Do you turn away from evil and all that denies God?

Answer By the grace of God I do.

Do you turn to God, trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as Helper and Guide?

Answer By the grace of God, I do.

The congregation says

We believe in God the Father, who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his son who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.

5 The Baptism

Amarachi and Kelechi, what name have you given your child?

David, for you Jesus Christ came into the world.

For you, He lived and shared God's love.

For you, He suffered death on the cross.

For you, He triumphed over death, rising to newness of life.

For you, He prays at God's right hand.

All this for you, David, because He loves you before you could know anything of it.

We pray that you will grow in wisdom and in strength, and that you will come to respond to this love of God, serving him faithfully to the end of your days.

David, I baptise you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

By baptism God has received you into the Church.

David, I sign you with the Cross, the sign of Christ.

Presentation to David – present, certificate and candle.

David is presented to the congregation

All The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace. Amen

6 The baptismal Promises.

To the parents

Amarachi and Kelechi, you have brought David to be baptised and I ask you now, in the presence of us all, to respond to God's love and grace towards him by making these promises.

Will you love David and commit yourselves to care for him in body, mind and spirit?

(Parents) **With God's help we will.**

Will you ensure that he is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

(Parents) **With God's help we will.**

Will you set before him a Christian example that through your words, prayers and deeds he may learn to follow the way of Christ Jesus?

(Parents) **With God's help we will.**

To the Godparents and relatives

Will you support Amarachi and Kelechi and help them to nurture David in the Christian faith?

(Godparents and relatives) **With God's help we will.**

The Promise of the People.

Members of the body of Christ, we rejoice that David, our brother has been baptised.

Family and friends, those who share the life of Jesus in this church, will you continue to maintain the life and worship of this church so that David and all children

among you may receive Christian teaching and be made aware of the love of Jesus for them?

***(All)* With God's help we will.**

(All)

Generous God, touch us again with the fire of your spirit and renew in us all the grace of our baptism that we may profess the true faith and live in love and unity withal who are baptised into Christ.

Amen

Marriage Blessing

We have baptised baby David into the Church of Christ and the parents, Amarachi and Kelechi have asked for a special blessing on their marriage and family.

Let us pray:

Lord God, whose son, Jesus, performed his first sign at a family wedding at Cana in Galilee, we ask for your rich blessing on this family. Give them the joy of your presence in all aspects of their life together and may

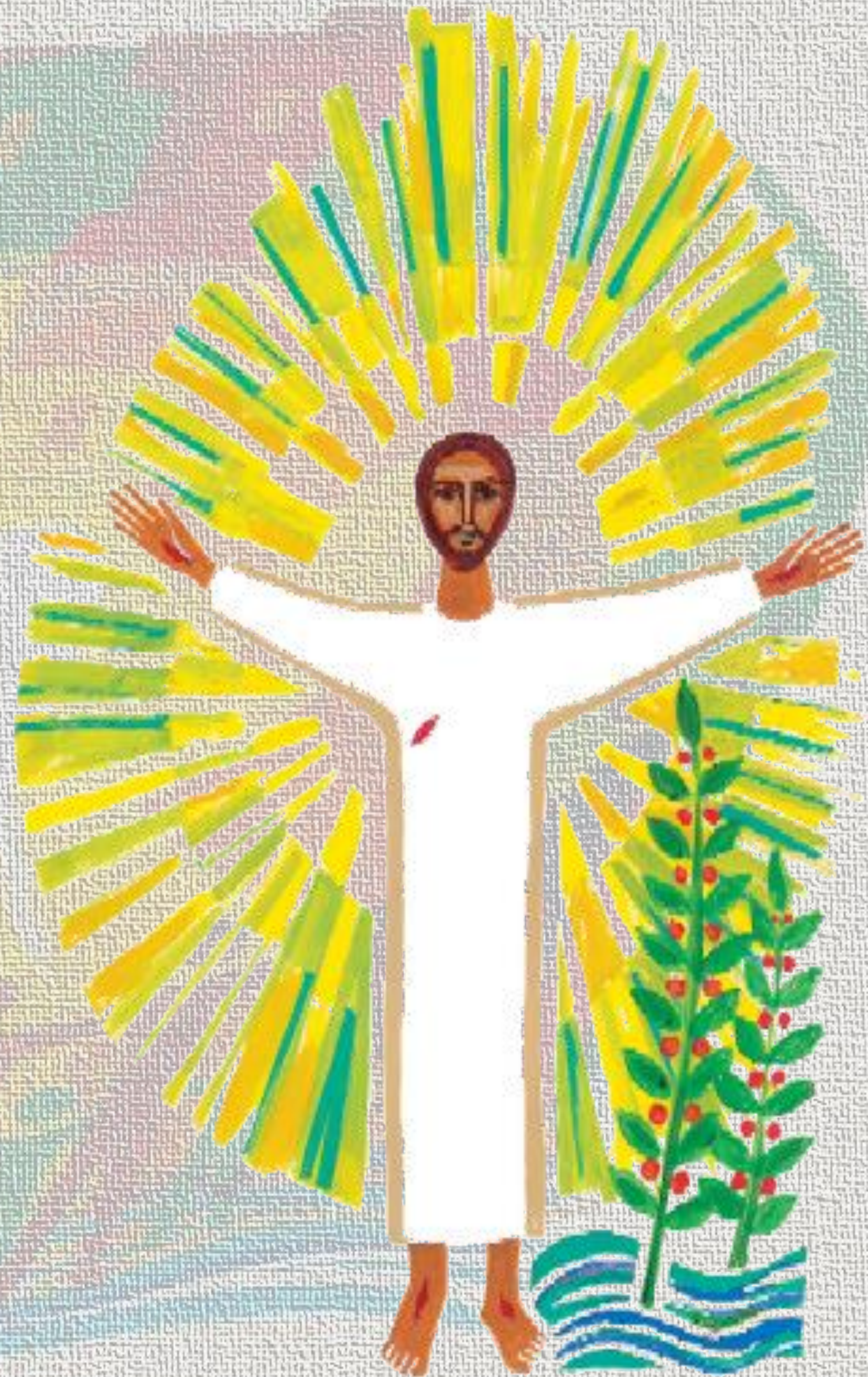
in all aspects of their life together and may their home be a place of welcome and joy, love and encouragement. May all who enter their home find a sense of peace, fulfilment and growth.

This prayer we make in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

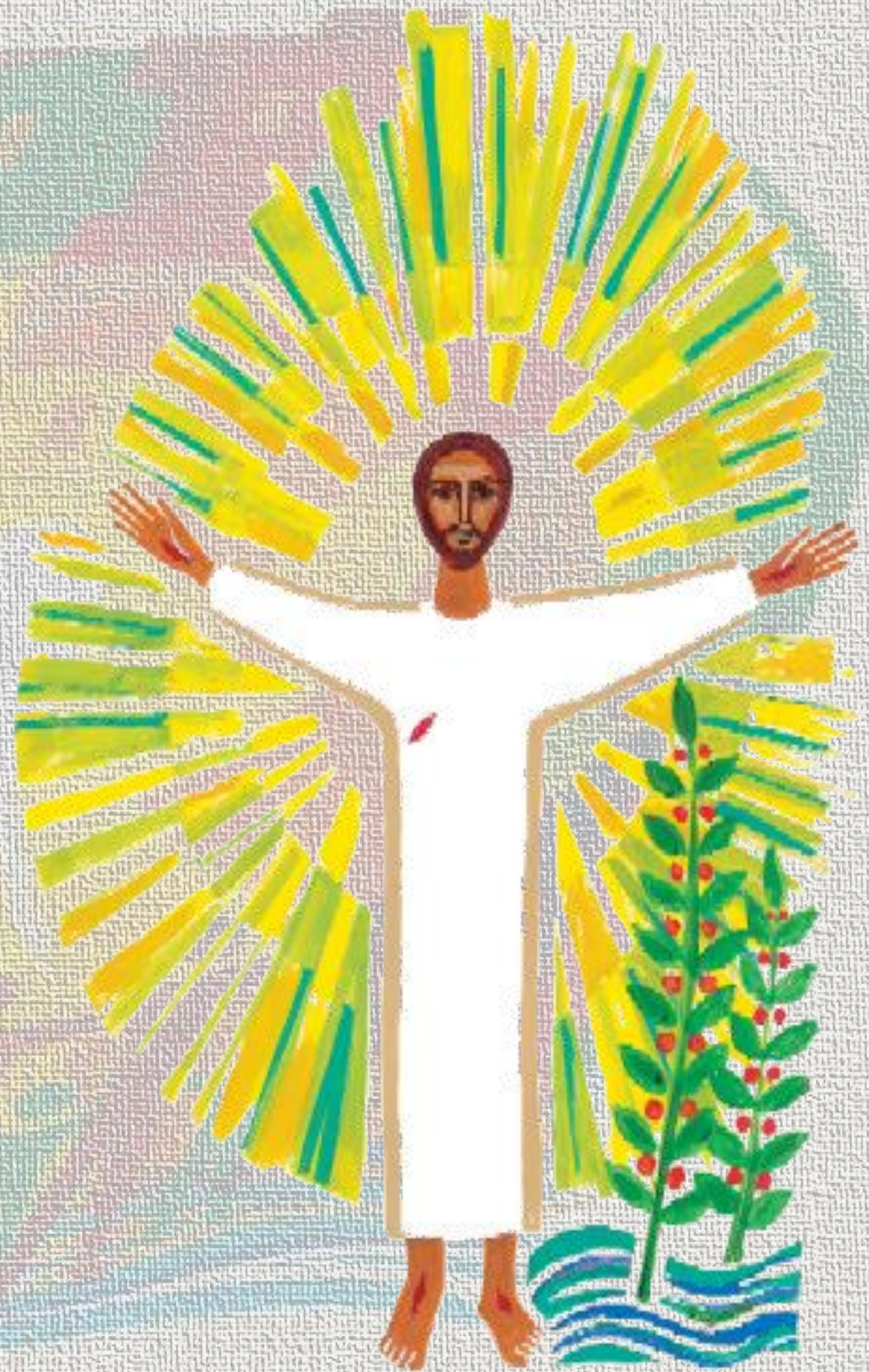
We are the Body of Christ.

**In the one Spirit
we were all
baptised into
one body.
Let us therefore
keep the unity
of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.**



The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



Lord and Giver of every good thing,
we bring to you
bread and wine for
our communion,
lives and gifts for
your kingdom,
all for transformation through
your grace and love,
made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

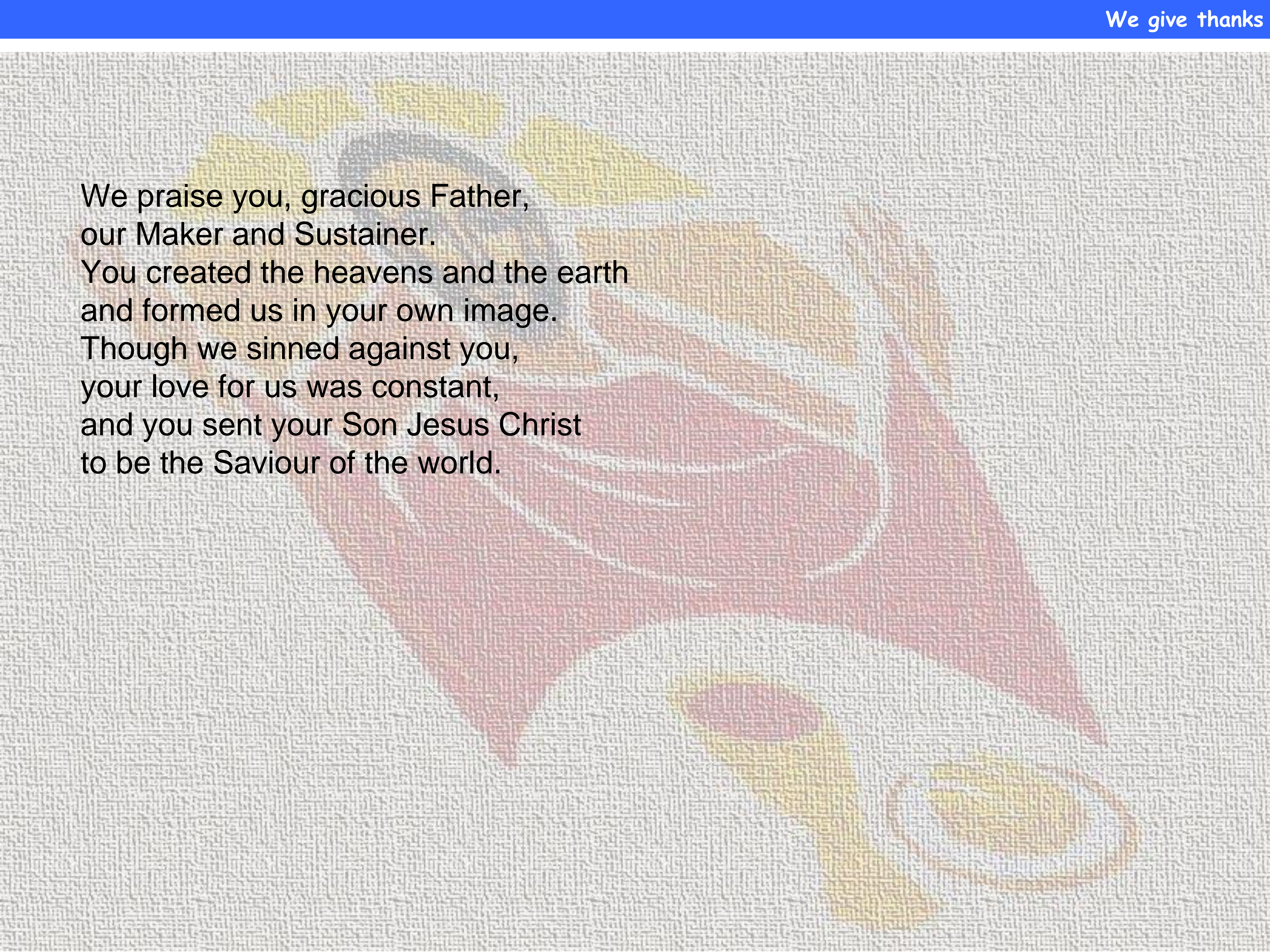
Amen.



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**



We praise you, gracious Father,
our Maker and Sustainer.
You created the heavens and the earth
and formed us in your own image.
Though we sinned against you,
your love for us was constant,
and you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the Saviour of the world.

Sharing our human nature,
he was born of Mary
and baptized in the Jordan.
He proclaimed your kingdom,
by word and deed,
and was put to death upon the cross.
You raised him from the dead;
you exalted him in glory;
and through him you have sent
your Holy Spirit,
calling us to be your people,
a community of faith.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the choirs of heaven,
we join in the triumphant hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, we praise you
that on the night in which he was betrayed
our Saviour Christ took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'



After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'



Remembering, therefore, his death
and resurrection,
and proclaiming his eternal sacrifice,
we offer ourselves to you in praise
and thanksgiving,
as we declare the mystery of faith:



**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



Send down your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us with him for ever
and bring us with the whole creation
to your eternal kingdom.



**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you
in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**We break this bread
to share in
the body of Christ.**

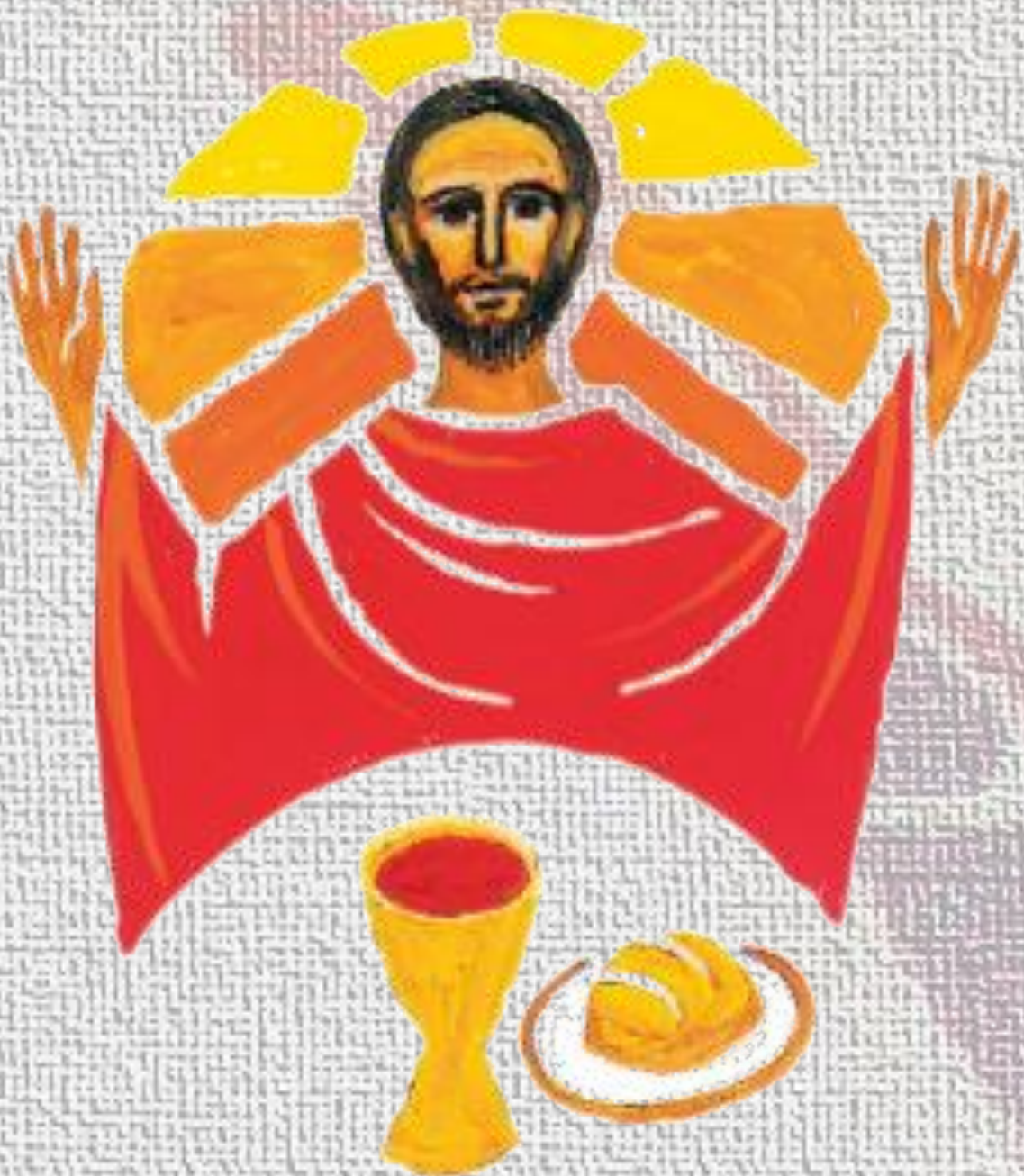
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in
one bread.**



**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

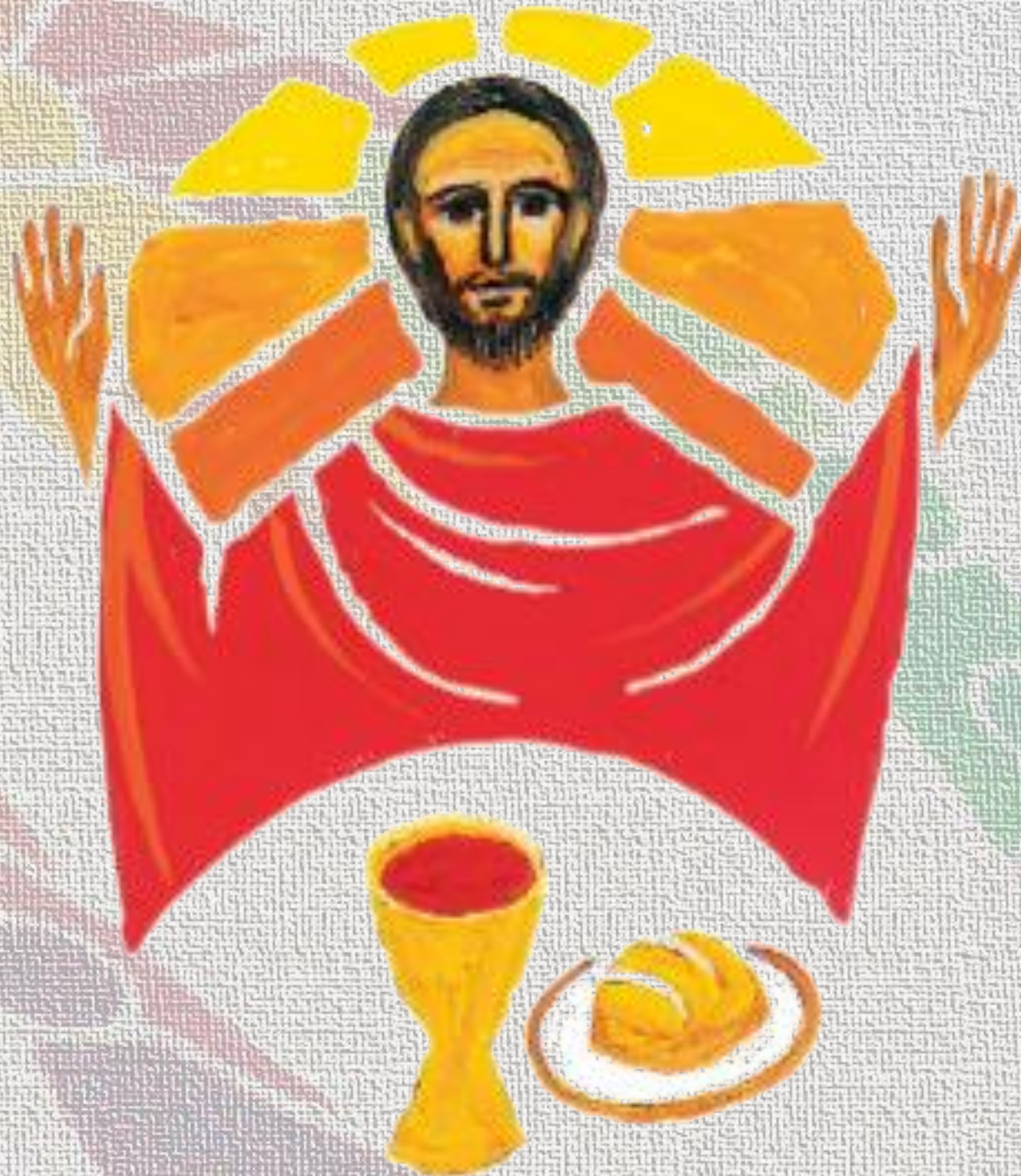
**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**



Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not hunger
and those who believe in me shall
never thirst.'

Draw near with faith.

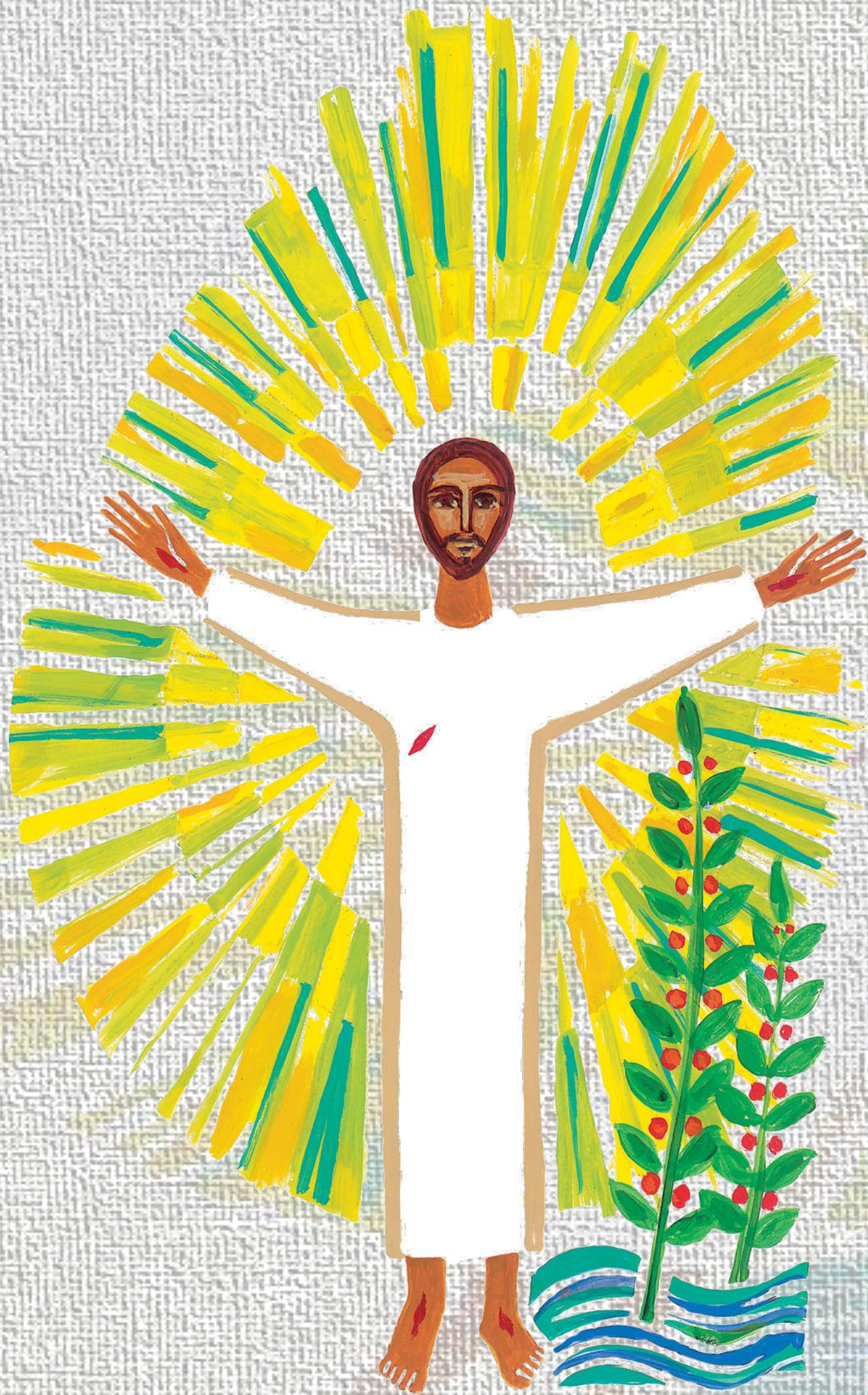




Let us pray.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us
in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a
foretaste of the
heavenly banquet
prepared for all people.
Amen.**





The blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the power of the Spirit
to live and work to God's praise and glory.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We go in God's love

