

THURSDAY WORSHIP



IMAGO DEI

*The principal discipline of contemplative prayer is letting go.*

—Thomas Keating



*The contemplative has to be clay in the hand of the potter, a clay which is molded through prayer itself, content not to know in advance where it is going, only sensing it, as the process is actually taking place, from the disposition of the potter's shaping hands, confident that it is a good and loving work taking place.*

— Hans Urs von Balt



*You are created in the image of God from the very beginning.  
This is the basis for God's justice: Since everyone is made in the image of  
God, then we need to recognize, honor, and respect the image of God  
in everyone. No exceptions. — Fr. Richard Rohr*



## **Genesis 1:26a**

*Then God אֱלֹהִים said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness;"*

Take time with each image to let go.

Let go of any need to be right or correct.

What do you see?

What are the colors saying?

Search the eyes - what do you see?

What symbols are present?

What are the symbols expressing?

What feelings does this image awaken in you?

What does the image teach you about humanity? or about God?

Contemplation can reveal truths about yourself that may be hard to face.

In facing these truths, transformation happens.

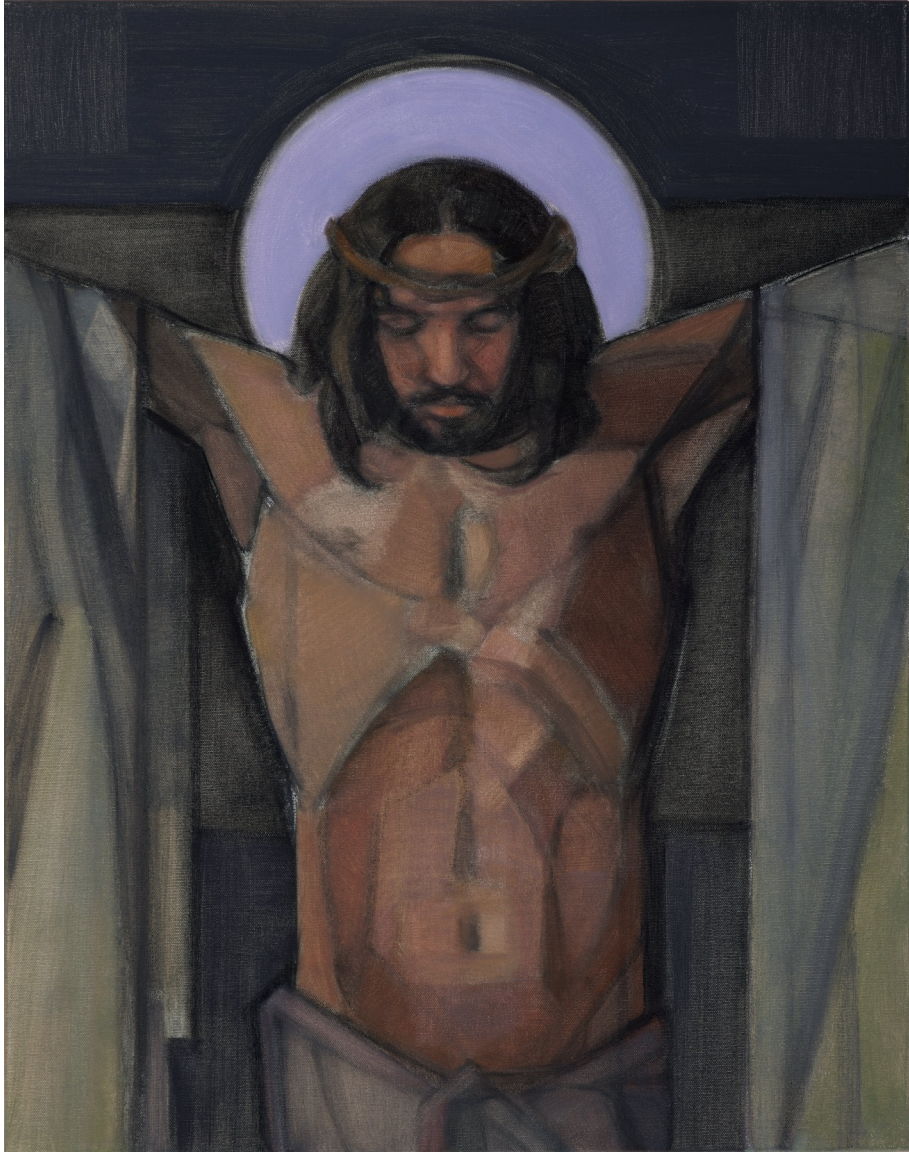
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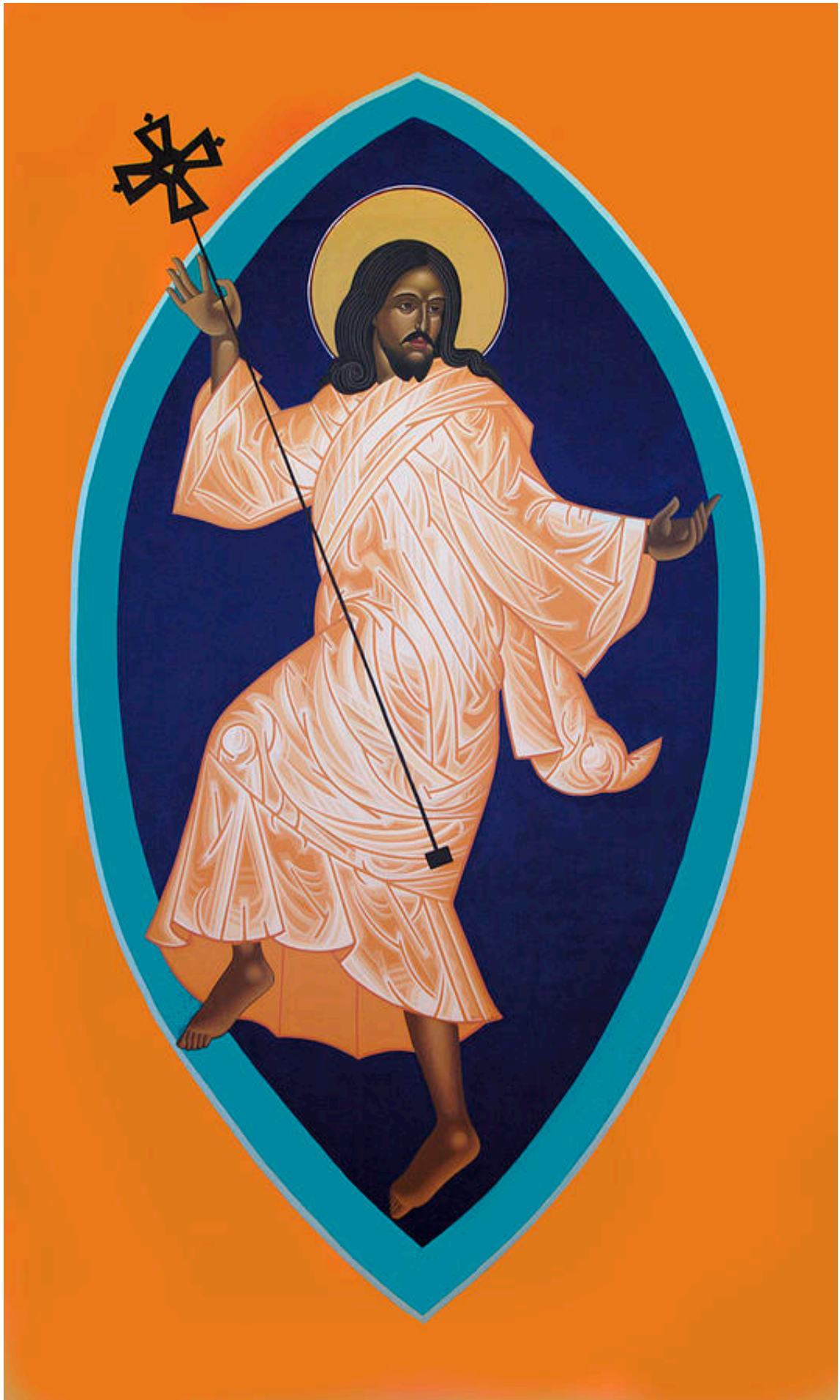
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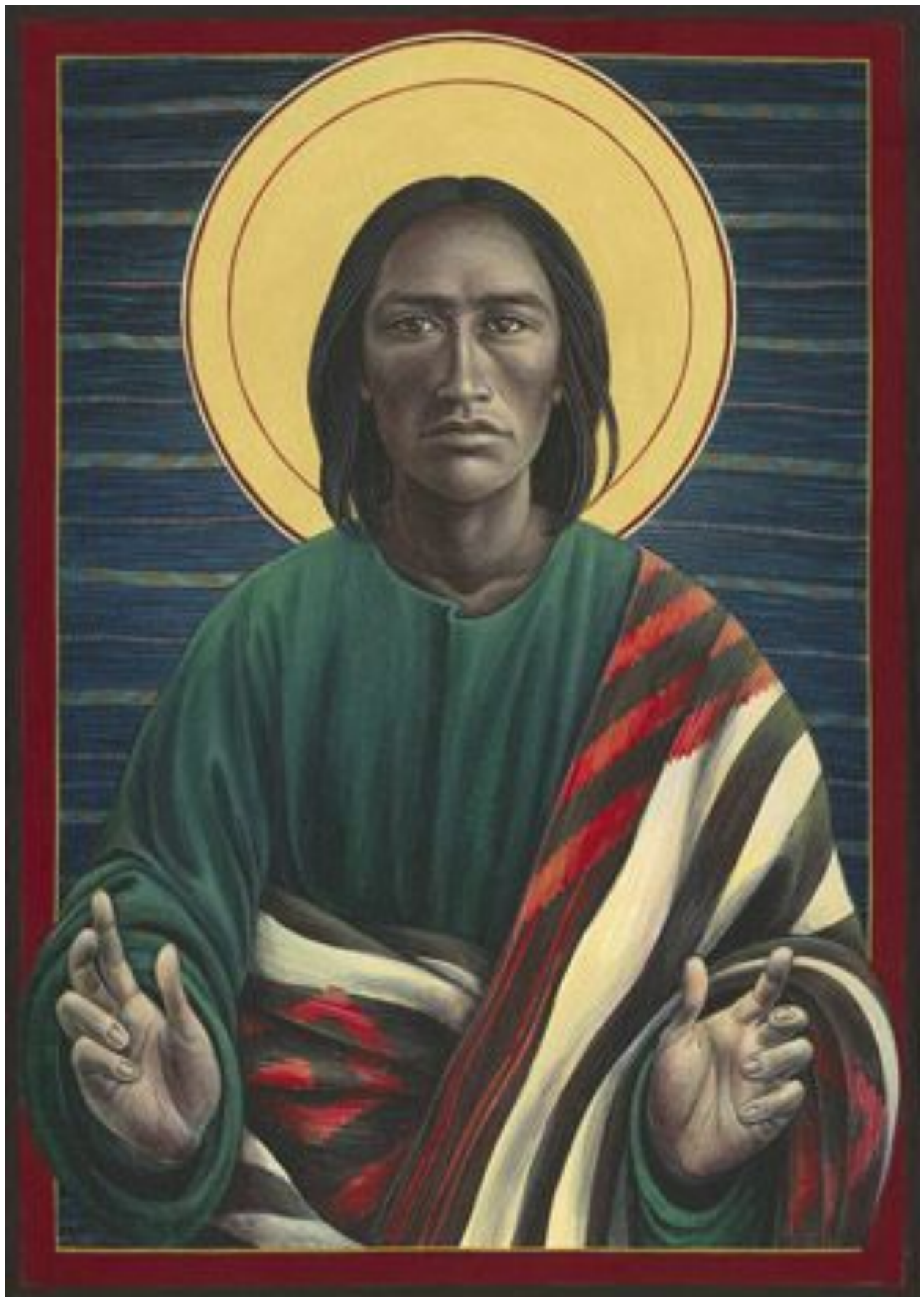


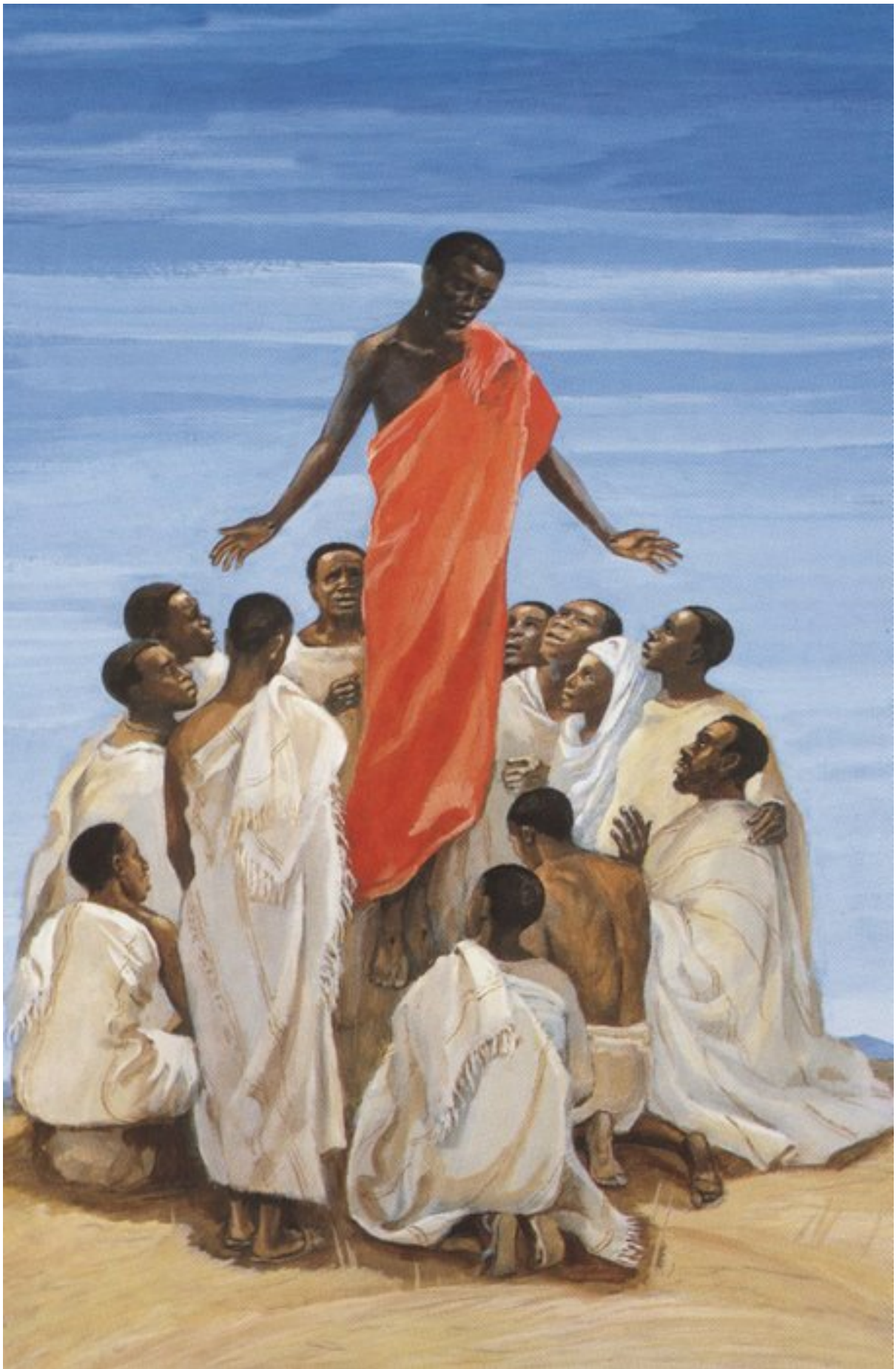








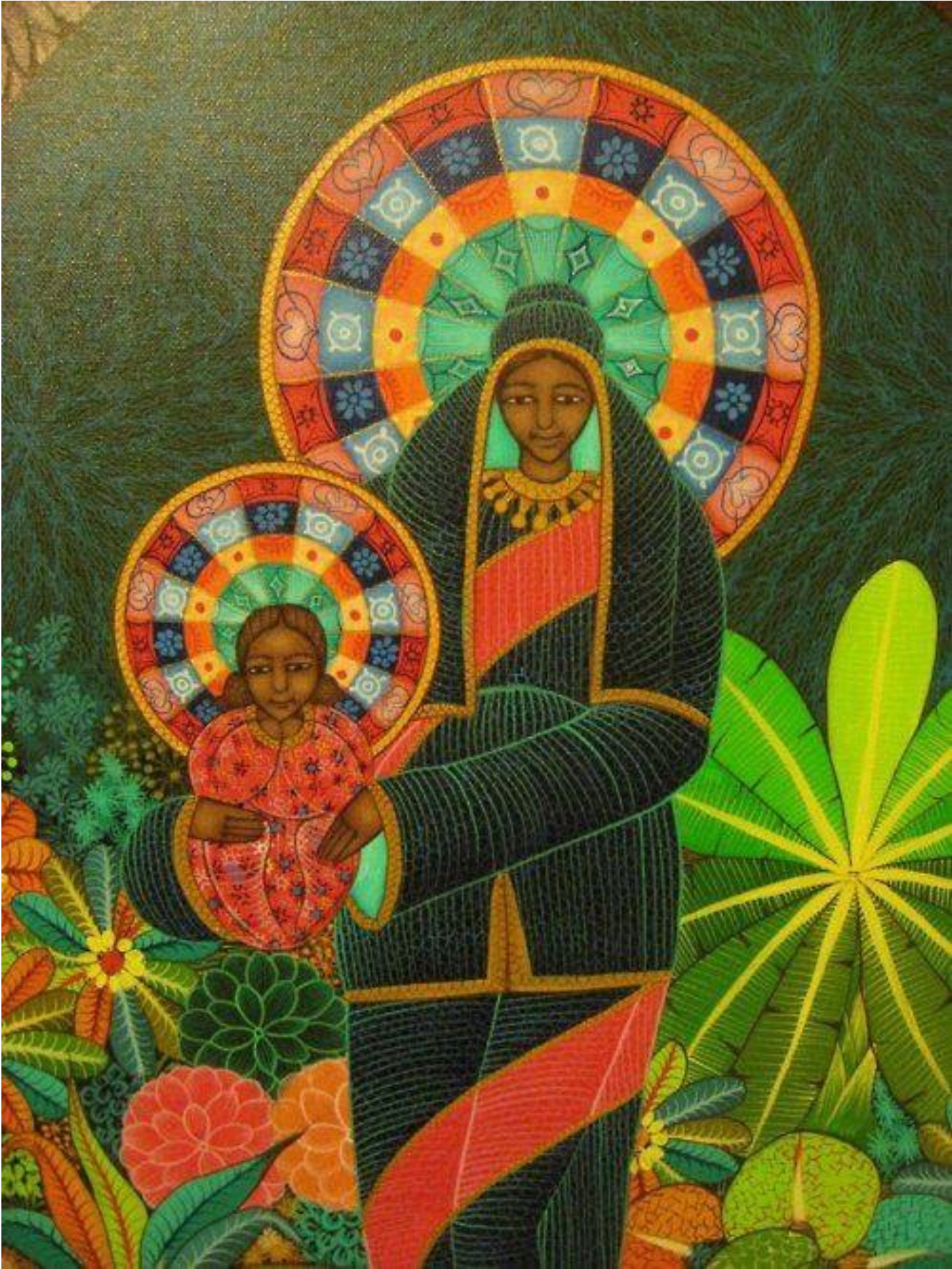










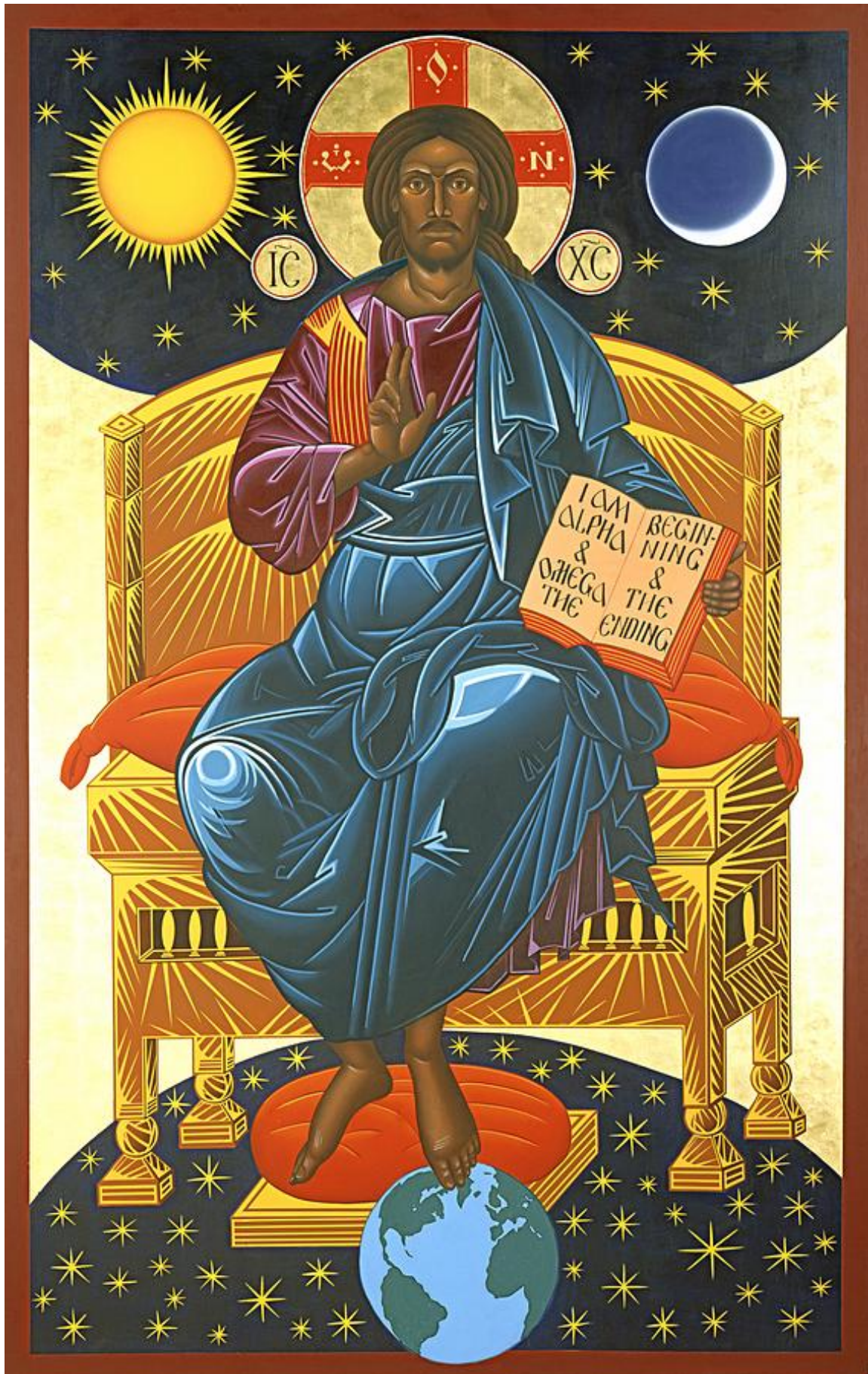






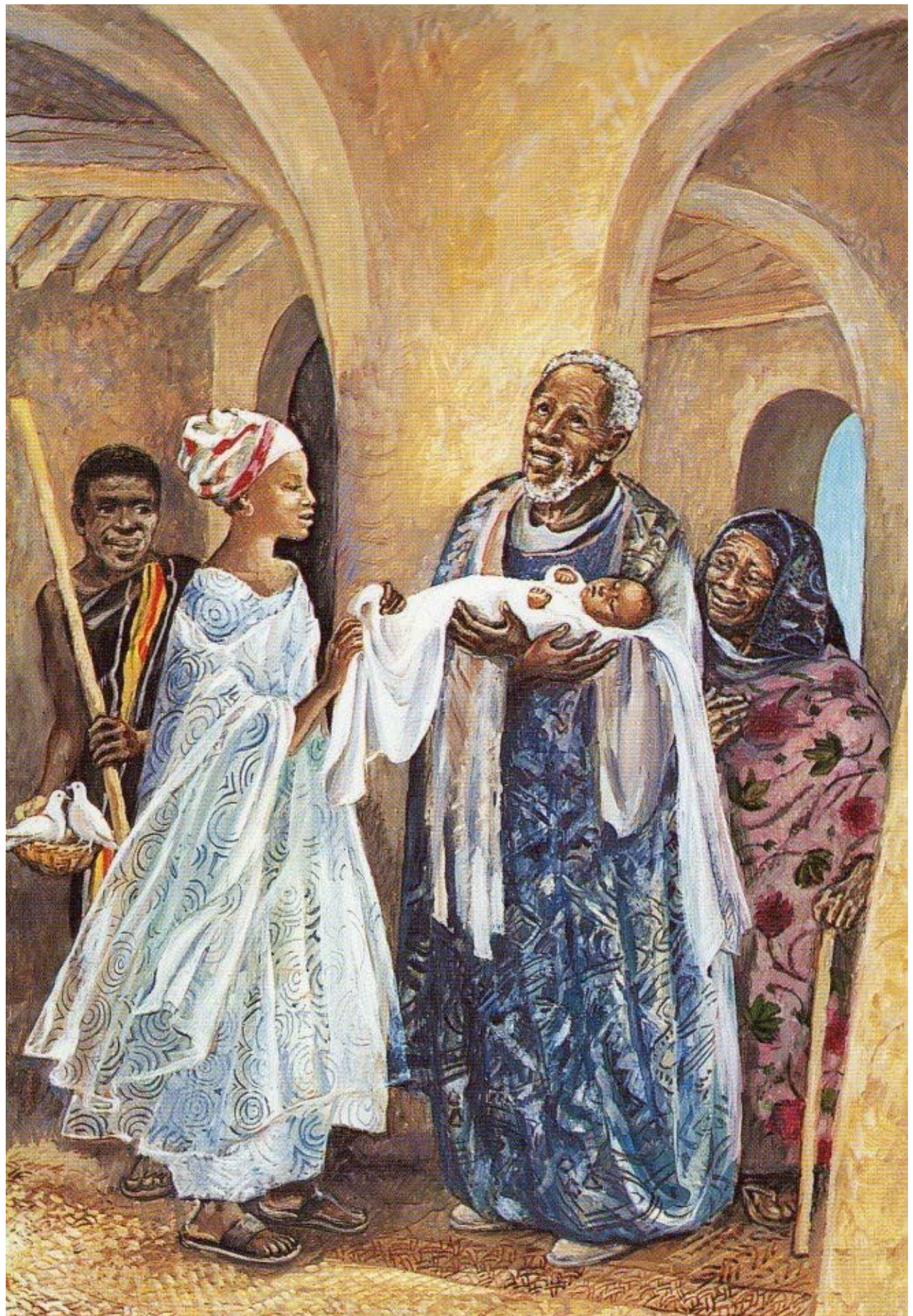


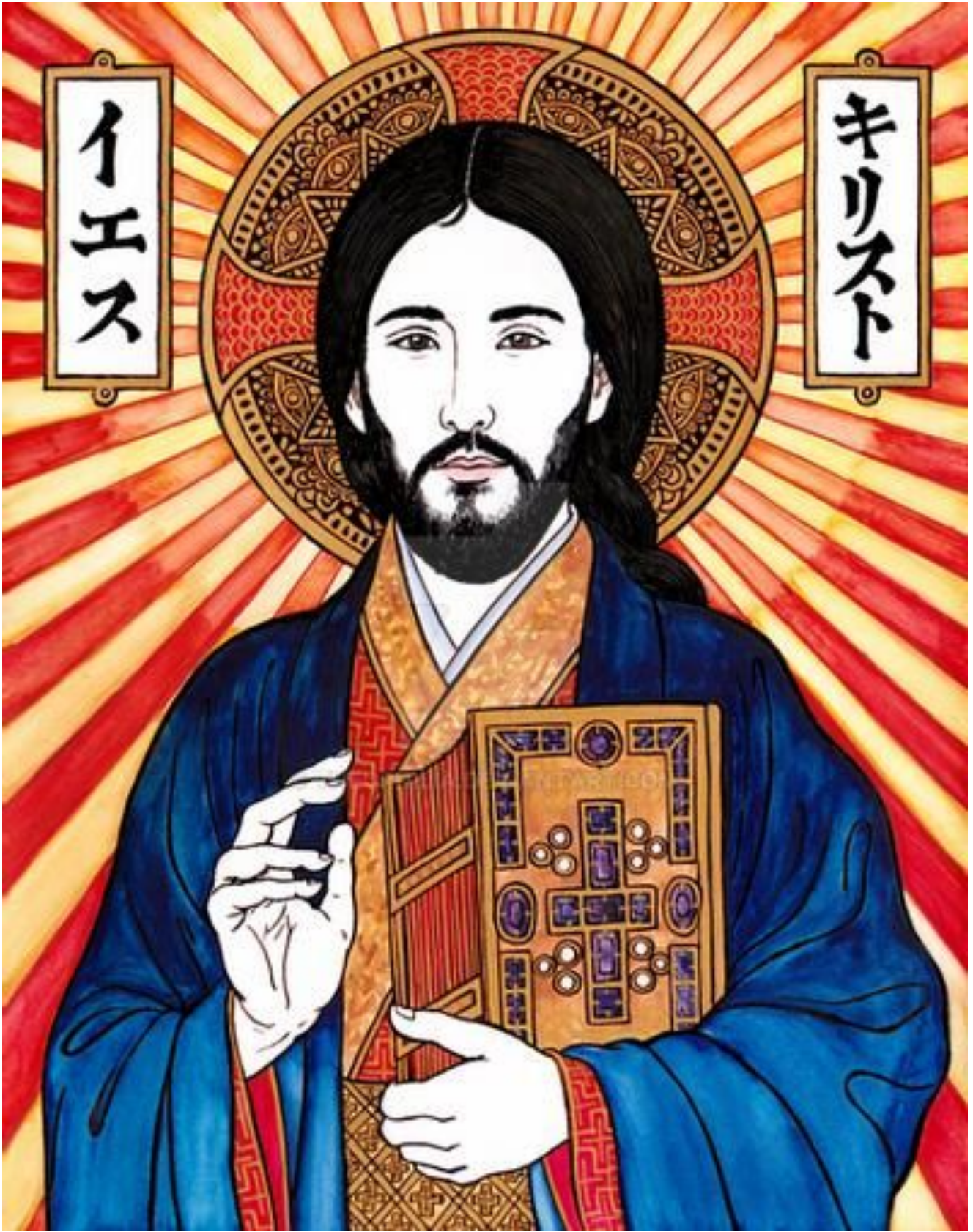


















## Community Conversation

Please take time to share thoughts, feelings, reflections.  
Take time to review the Journal reflections.

*Consider what comes next . . .*

What are you going to do?

How does any new knowledge become part of your being?

What do you need to go “the next mile”?

How do we go forward together?



## **Communion**

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**

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened the way to us of everlasting life.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people, and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen - Amen - Amen**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever - Amen.**

Come, taste, and be refreshed.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord - **Amen**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

God in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Art and the Artists

1. "Jesus of the People" by Janet McKenzie - art@janetmckenzie.com - \*
2. "Son of God" by Cecil "Creed" Reed Jr. - www.creedart.gallery - \*
3. "Jesus Dies on the Cross" by Janet McKenzie - art@janetmckenzie.com - \*
4. "Jesus the Dancer" by Deacon Mark Dukes, St. Gregory of Nissa, San Francisco
5. "Navajo Compassionate Christ" by Father John Giuliani - jbgicon.com
6. "The Ascension" by Jesus MAFA - Jesus MAFA Project, Cameroon
7. "Choctaw Virgin and Child" by Father John Giuliani - jbgicon.com
8. "Joseph and Jesus" by Janet McKenzie - art@janetmckenzie.com - \*
9. "Madonna and Child" - artist unknown
10. "Madonna and Child" - artist unknown
11. "Refugees la Sagrada Familia" by Kelly Latimore  
kellylatimoreicons@gmail.com - \*
12. "Madonna and Child in Autumn" Kakejki "Hanging Picture" Japanese painting on silk by Sister Teresa, Discalced Carmelite Nun, Tokyo, 1960's
13. "The Nativity" by Jesus MAFA - Jesus MAFA Project - Cameroon
14. "Christ Enthroned" by Deacon Mark Dukes, St. John Coltrane, San Francisco, CA
15. "The Baptism of Jesus" by Woonbo Kim Ki-chang - Korea
16. "Black Madonna and Child" by Alex Ballenger
17. "Anna and Simeon" by Jesus MAFA - Jesus MAFA Project, Cameroon
18. "Japanese Christ Pantocrator" by Cecilia Lawrence
19. "Our Lady of Ferguson" by Deacon Mark Dukes, St. John Coltrane, San Francisco
- "The Trinity" by Kelly Latimore - kellylatimoreicons@gmail.com - \*

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