



WELCOME
TO
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Our annual journey to the cross is here

Relax. Rest. Breathe. For the next two hours nothing else matters but you, us, & God.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS



LENT



*A reminder of invitation in this
season of Lent*

We are a community of seekers trying to live *with God* in this world



**Our liturgy, Our service to God,
Our work of God, Our Opus Dei**




The Invitatory

Pay attention
to me.

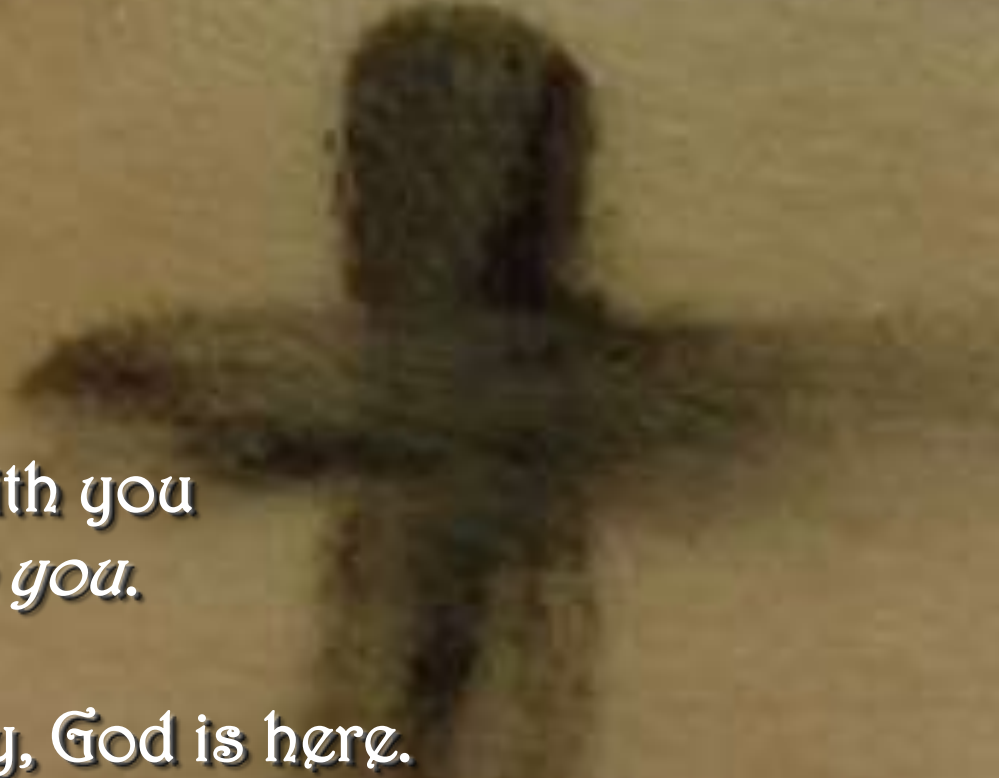
I'm paying attention to you.

- God



Blow the Rams Horn:
The Shekinah Glory of
the Lord rests on us
in this place.

The Invitatory



The Lord be with you
And Also with you.

Breathe deeply, God is here.
Here is this place of rest and refuge.

God we return to you
Restore us so we might help you restore this world.

All that I am Lord, *I place into your hands*
All that I do Lord, *I place into your hands*
All that I work for Lord, *I place into your hands*
All that I hope for Lord, *I place into your hands*
The troubles that worry me Lord, *I place into your hands*
The worries that weary me Lord, *I place into your hands*
All that I care for Lord, *I place into your hands*
All that I pray for Lord, *I place into your hands*



A Sound bite from God: A Versicle



I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—
on the road God called you to travel.

I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone
strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere.

And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts,
but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other
in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

From the letter of Paul to the church in Ephesus, Ch 4, vs 1.



COME.
STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC...

FOR TWO HOURS STEP AWAY FROM... FOR TWO HOURS STEP OUT OF...
FOR TWO HOURS LEAVE BEHIND...
FOR TWO HOURS...

Step out of the traffic & take a long loving look at God



Be here. Be with each other. Be with God.



the lighting of the candles



Praying with Church

For He is my Helper and Protector.

He is my God and I glorify Him.

**God of my father, grandfather, and all grandfathers before me
is He and I exalt Him.**

I exalt Him, for He is greatly glorified.

-Ancient Liturgy of the Church

We are a thankful people.

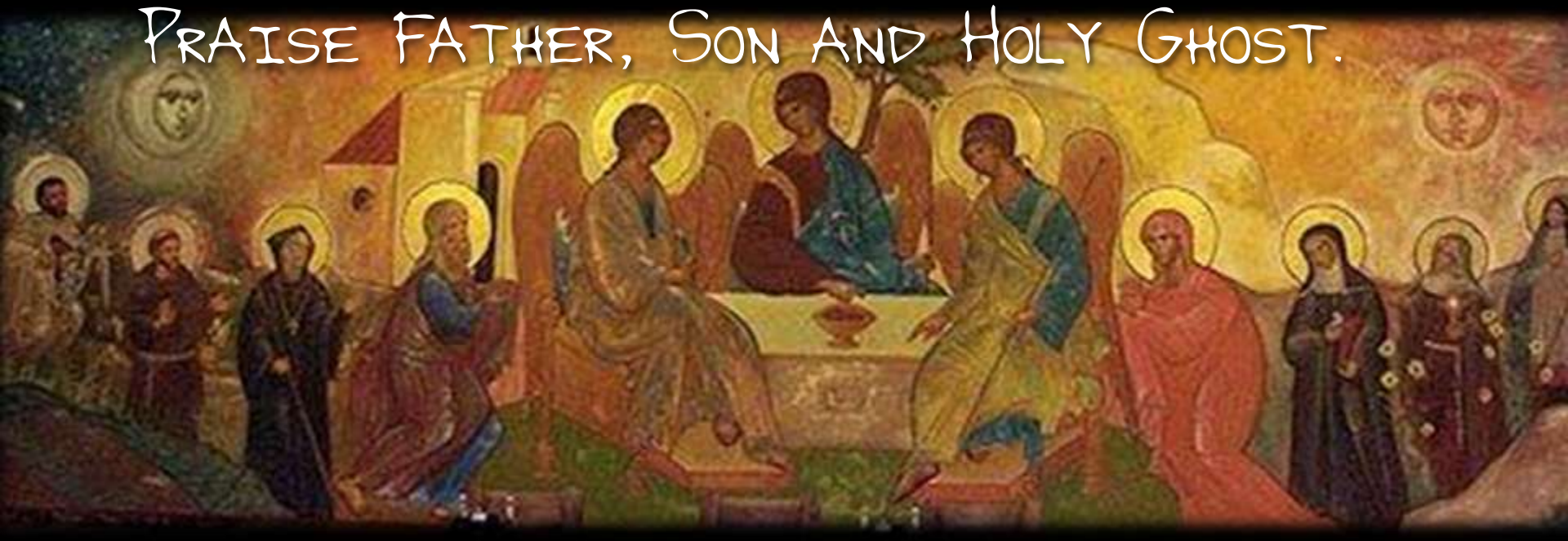
We give thanks to God:

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW

PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS

PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.



We are a thankful people.



We pause to remember
Our friend Affiisu
And our commitment
To be community with him.



We are thankful for the food that
has been lovingly prepared for us
by our parents.


And we are thankful for each other:



Let's Gather around the table....

the Searching

*Hear God's invitation
Hear God's call*

A silhouette of a person walking on a beach, moving from left to right. The person is walking barefoot on the sand. The background is a vast, flat expanse of sand meeting a hazy, overcast sky at the horizon.

In lent we are encouraged to care for those things which ultimately matter and to leave behind those things which inhibit our participation in the life of God and the life around us"

- Steven Purcell

The Lenten Practice.





Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me
and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is
any offensive way in me, and lead me in *the way*
everlasting. *From Psalm 139*



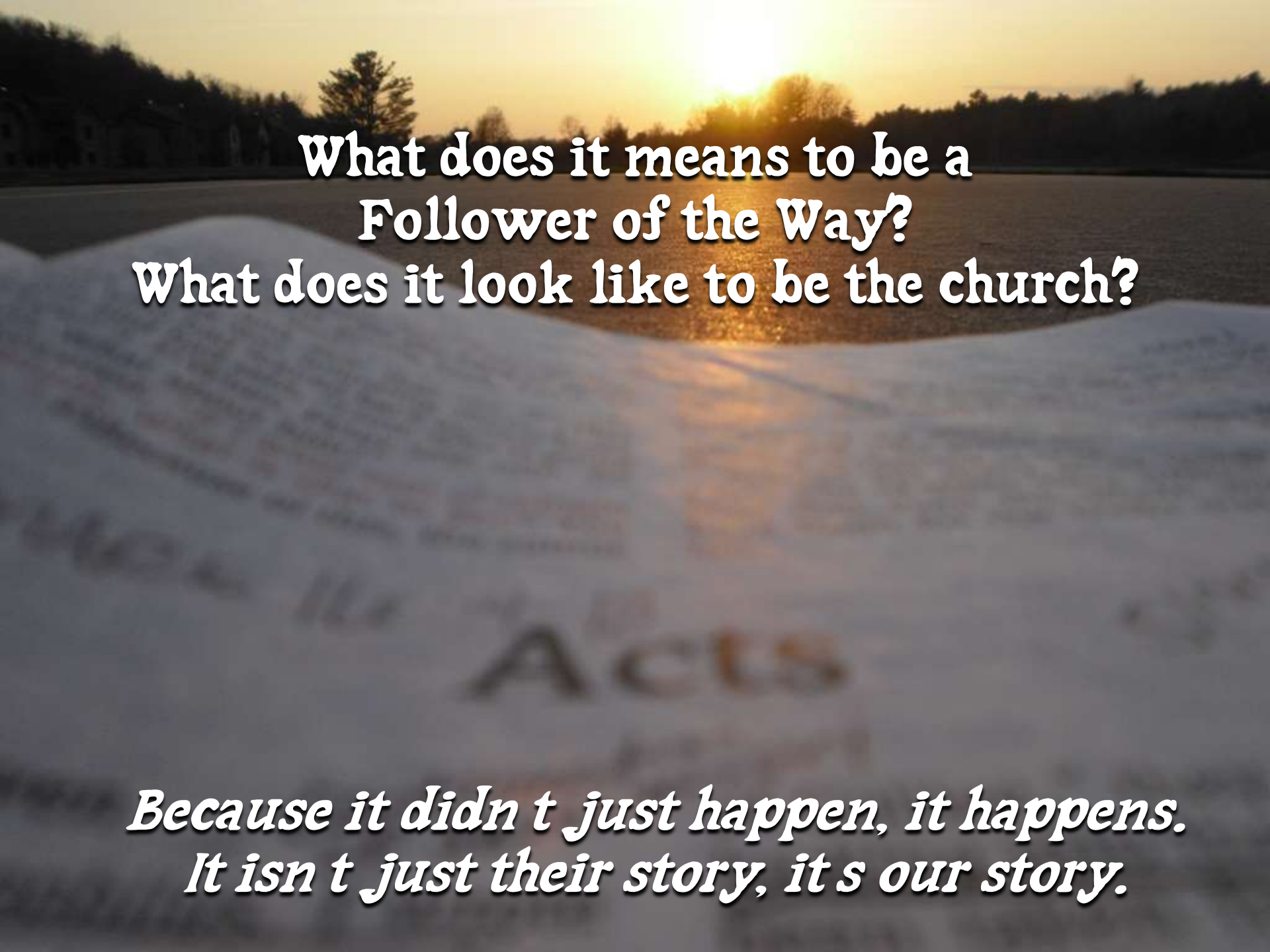
song

***“Come let us reason together”
says the Lord.***

From the prophet Isaiah, Ch 1.

IN SEARCH OF: CHARIOTS AND FIRE



A photograph of a snowy landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. A path of snow leads from the foreground towards the horizon. The background shows a line of trees under a hazy sky.

**What does it mean to be a
Follower of the Way?
What does it look like to be the church?**

*Because it didn't just happen, it happens.
It isn't just their story, it's our story.*

¹And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Philip Proclaims Christ in Samaria

⁴Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸So there was much joy in that city.

Simon the Magician Believes

⁹But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." ²⁴And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

²⁵Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Responding to God's words to us

- Reading
- Ruminating
- Responding
- Resting

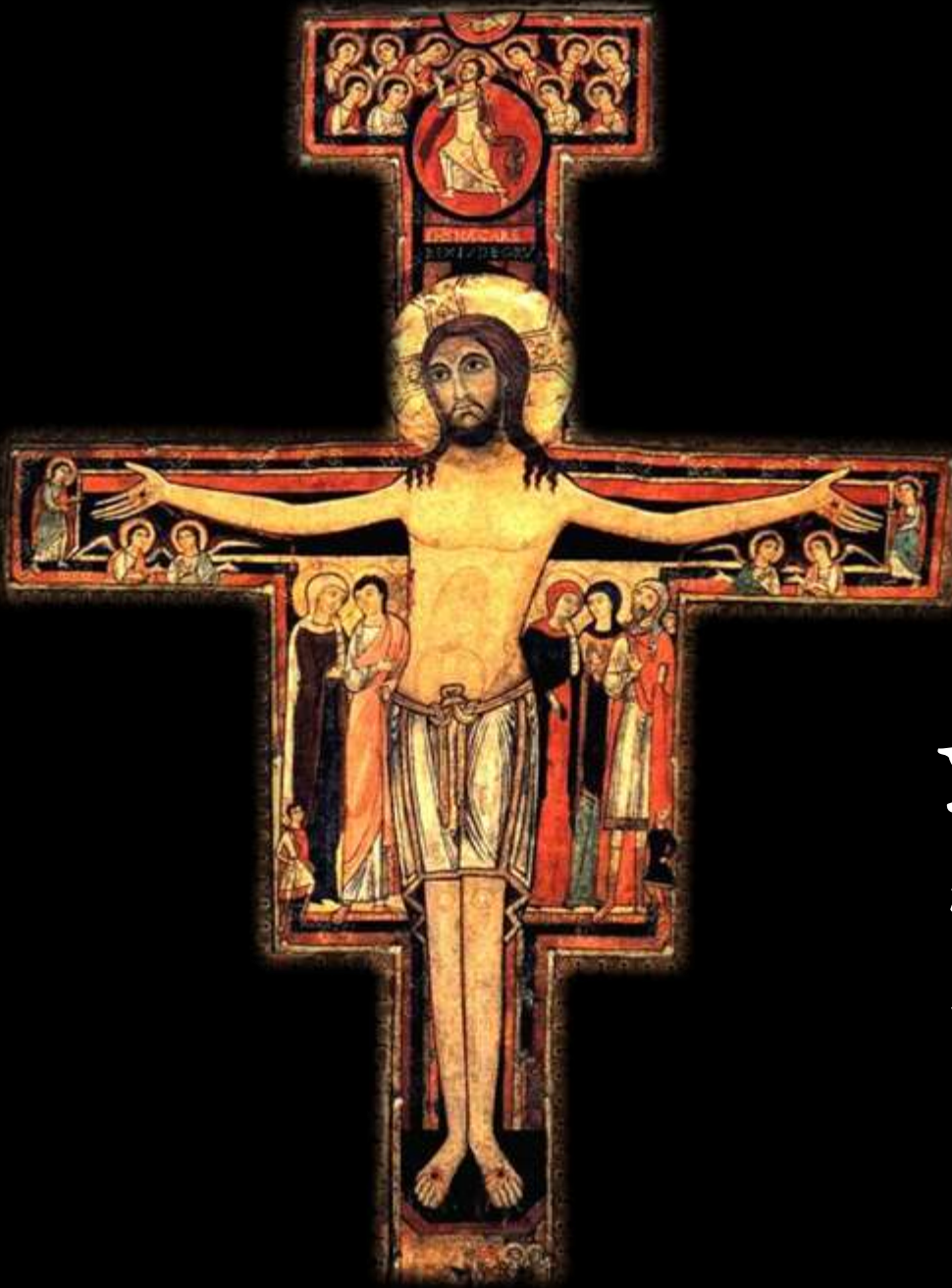
Lectio
Divina



A black and white photograph of a person kneeling in prayer in a church. The person is in the foreground, seen from the back, with their head bowed. In the background, a large, brightly lit cross is visible on the wall. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and reverent atmosphere.

**Jesus Christ
Son of God
Have Mercy
On Me.**

My Hope Is In You
(Psalm 25)



You are God, my
Savior, and my
hope is in You
all day long

A stone Celtic cross stands in the foreground, with a stone wall on the left and a coastal landscape in the background. The cross is made of dark stone and has intricate carvings. The wall is made of rough-hewn stones. In the background, there is a body of water, a small town, and hills under a cloudy sky.

*As it was
in the
beginning
Is now
And will be
FOREVER MORE*

CONVERSATIONS

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*



And we don't want to just talk about life with God but we want
To work this out into the details of our everyday life.

Announcements:

- **Last call this week for Mountain TOP for this summer.**
 - ***Palm Sunday – Mar 28th:
A Messianic Passover Meal***

The Offering



A mosaic of Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a blue robe and a red sash. He is shown from the chest up, with his hands raised in a gesture of blessing. The background is a golden mosaic pattern.

The Blessing

May you go from here with the strength and joy to *be* the church out there in the world.

May you live believing that the same Spirit that was given to the first Christians is given to you.

May you live believing that heaven and earth still meet in us as followers of the One we call the Way.

May you live as martyrs of the faith!

The PEACE OF THE LORD be always with you!

SHALOM



Peace · Be · Unto · You

Our Father...
Who is in heaven...
Holy is your name..
Your kingdom come...
Your way be done...
On earth as it is in heaven...
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses...
as we forgive those who trespass against us....
And lead us not into temptation...

**Lent:
Stripping
Things
Back
To
The
Basics**