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RITE ONE: SUNDAY WORSHIP

USING THOSE PORTIONS ALLOWED WHEN HOLY COMMUNION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

**MAY 3, 2020
CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
MADISON GEORGIA**

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

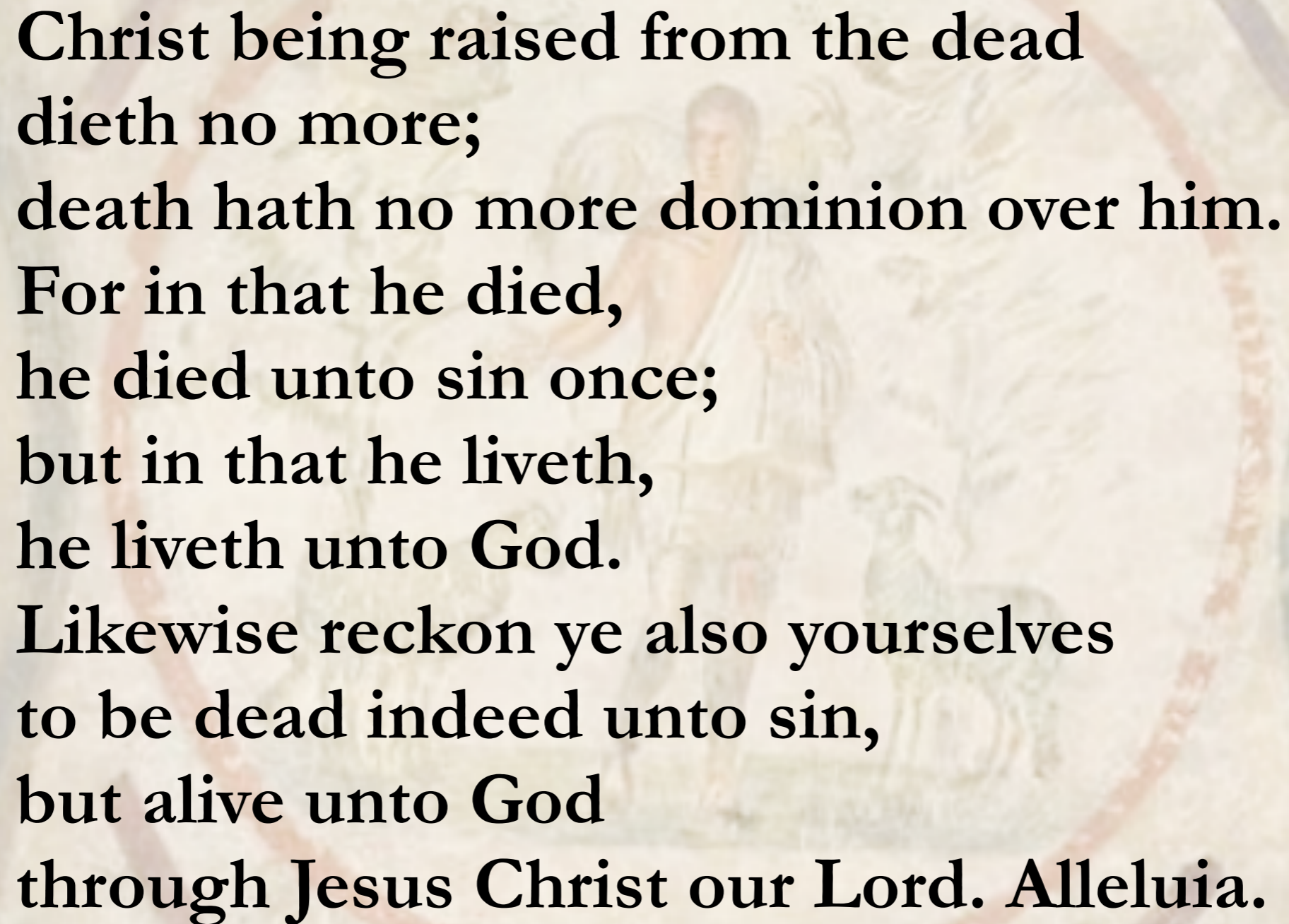
Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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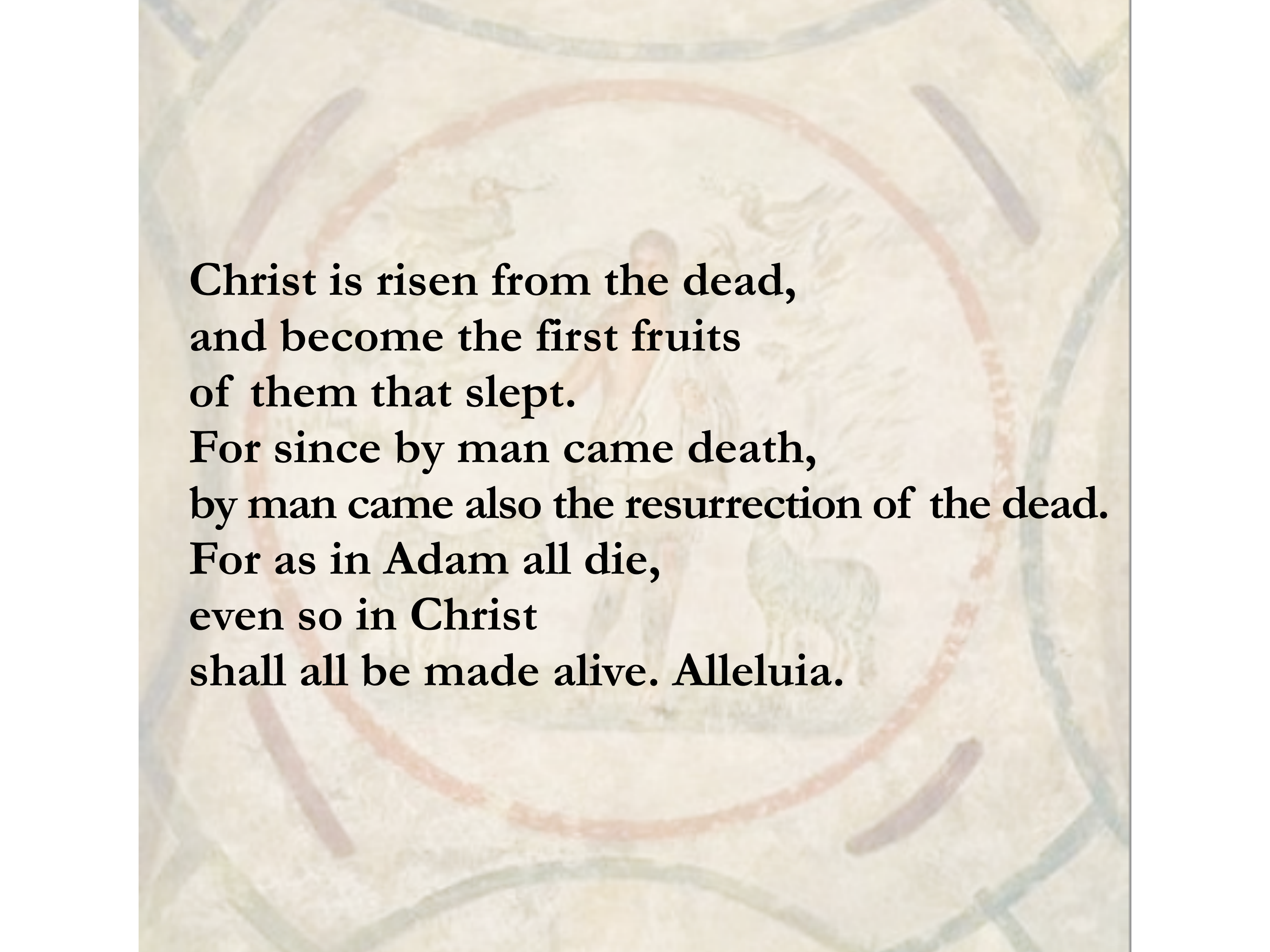
Christ our Passover (*in unison*)

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven
of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**



**Christ being raised from the dead
dieth no more;
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died,
he died unto sin once;
but in that he liveth,
he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves
to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**



**Christ is risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits
of them that slept.
For since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ
shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

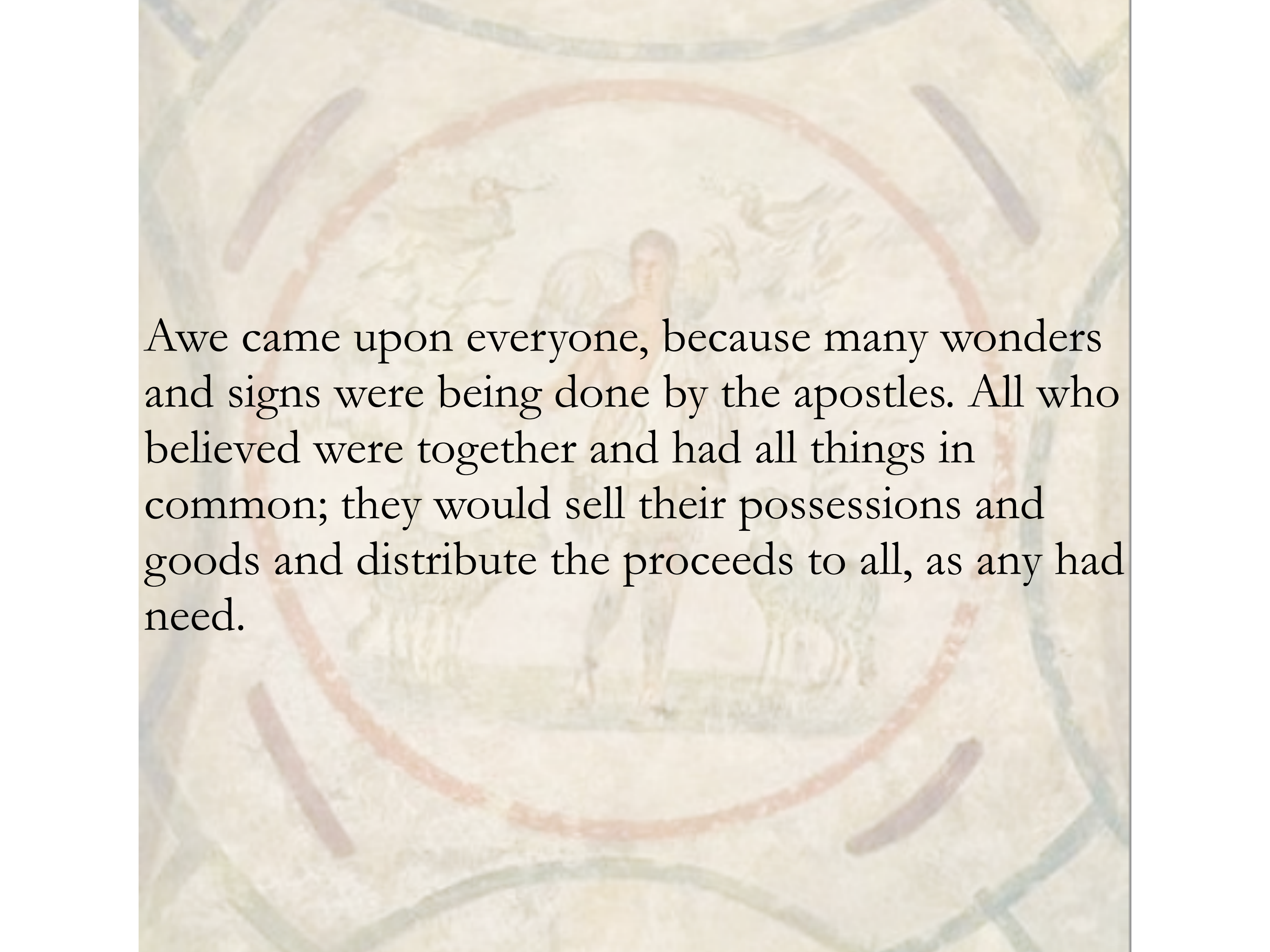


The Lessons

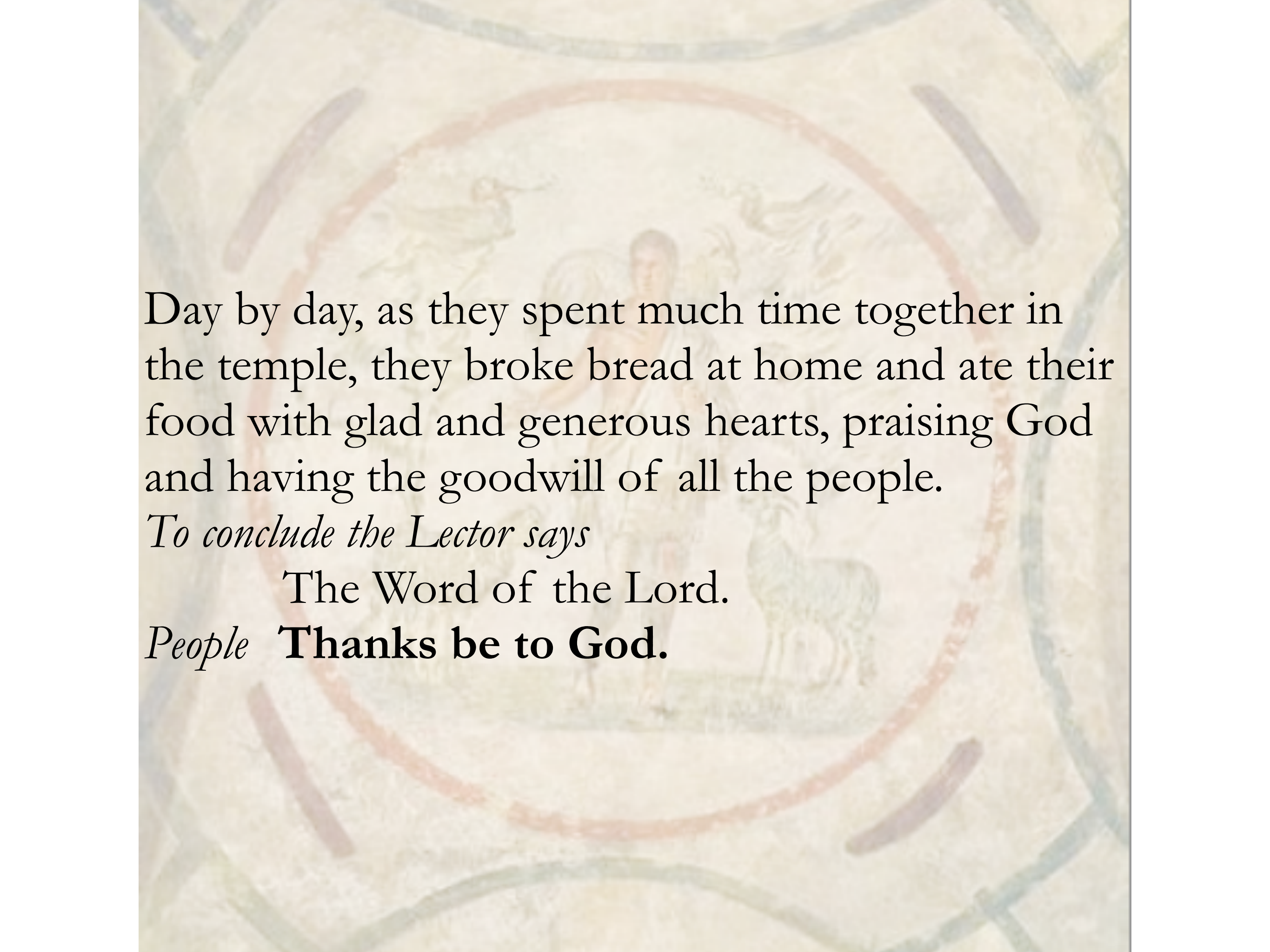
The Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Lector A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

To conclude the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual Psalm *Dominus regit me* Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

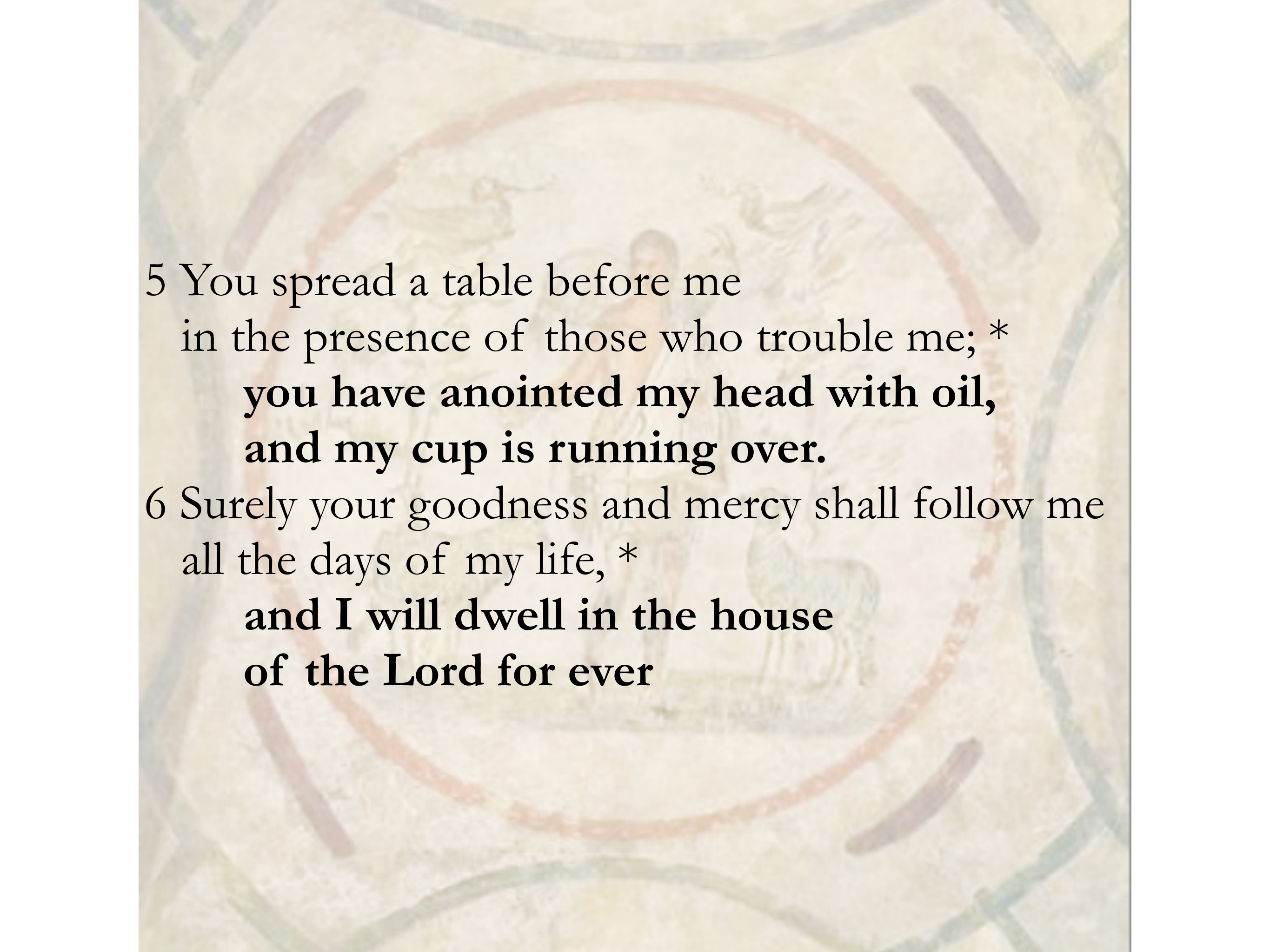


3 He revives my soul *

**and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

The background features a faint, circular illustration of a man and a woman in a domestic setting. The man is standing and holding a staff, while the woman is seated. The scene is framed by a circular border composed of various colored brushstrokes in shades of blue, orange, and purple. The overall style is reminiscent of a traditional painting or tapestry.

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; *
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
**and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever**

The Second Lesson

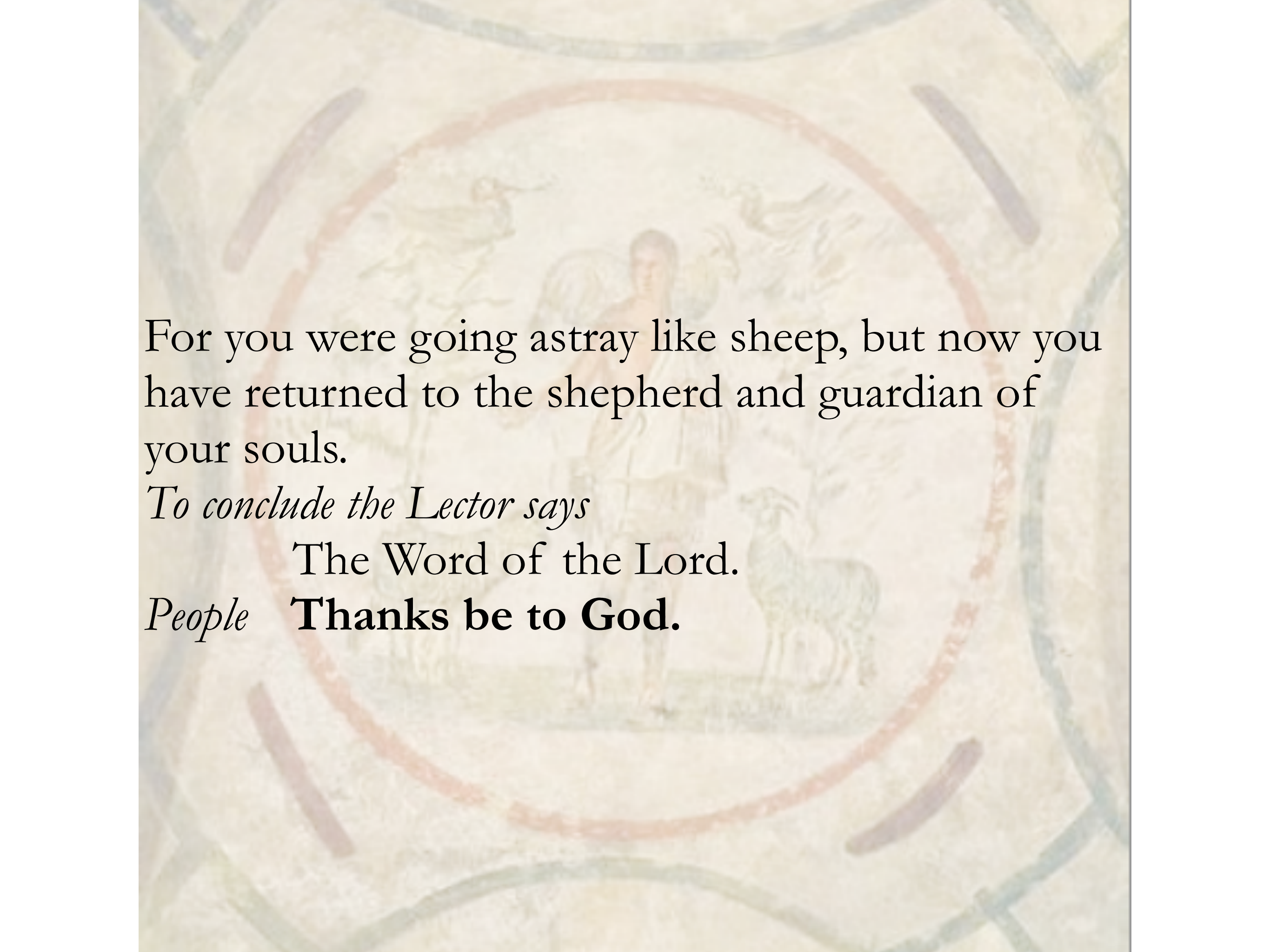
1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector A Reading from the First letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse;
when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he
entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He
himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so
that, free from sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.



For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

To conclude the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

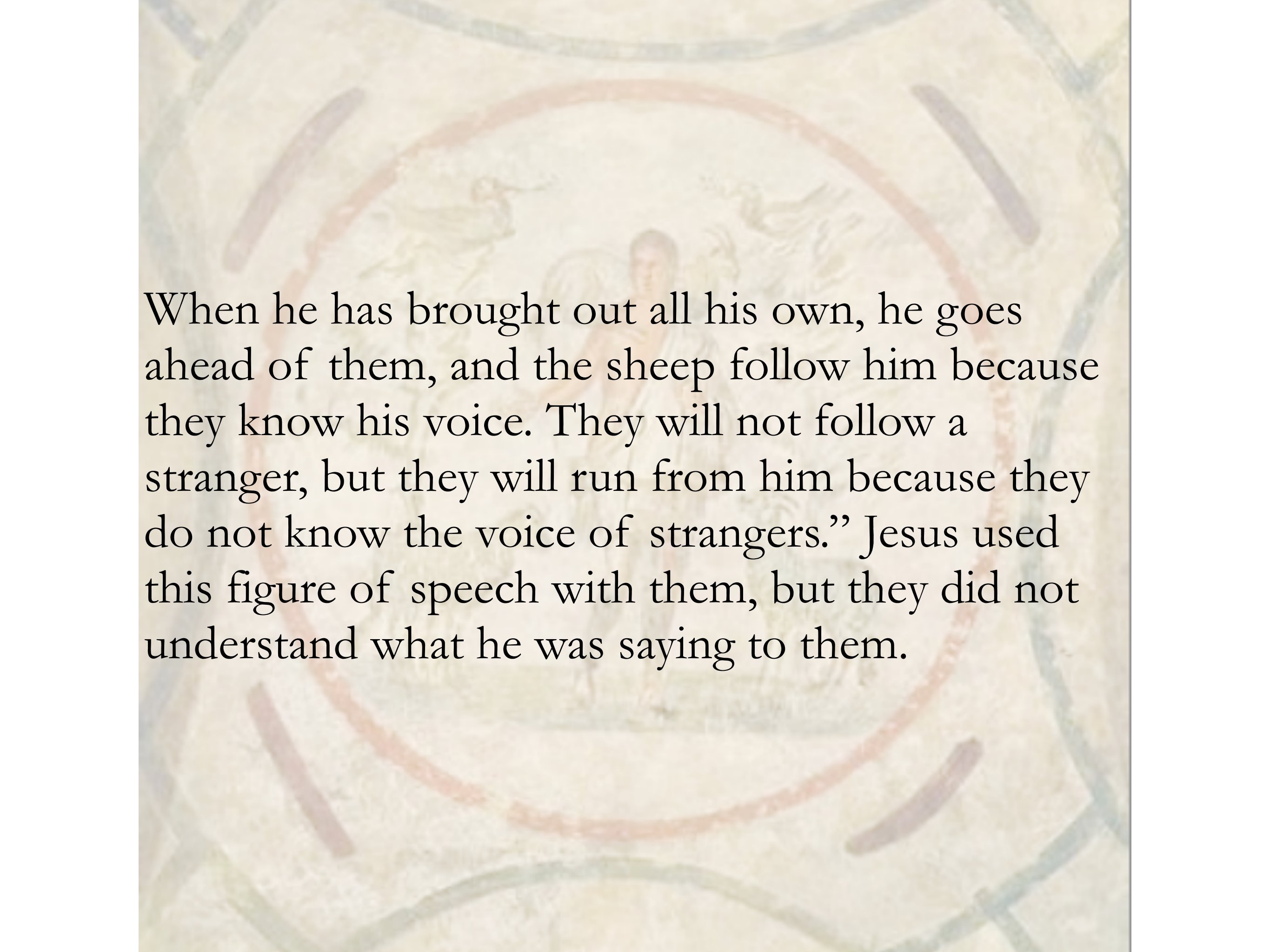
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

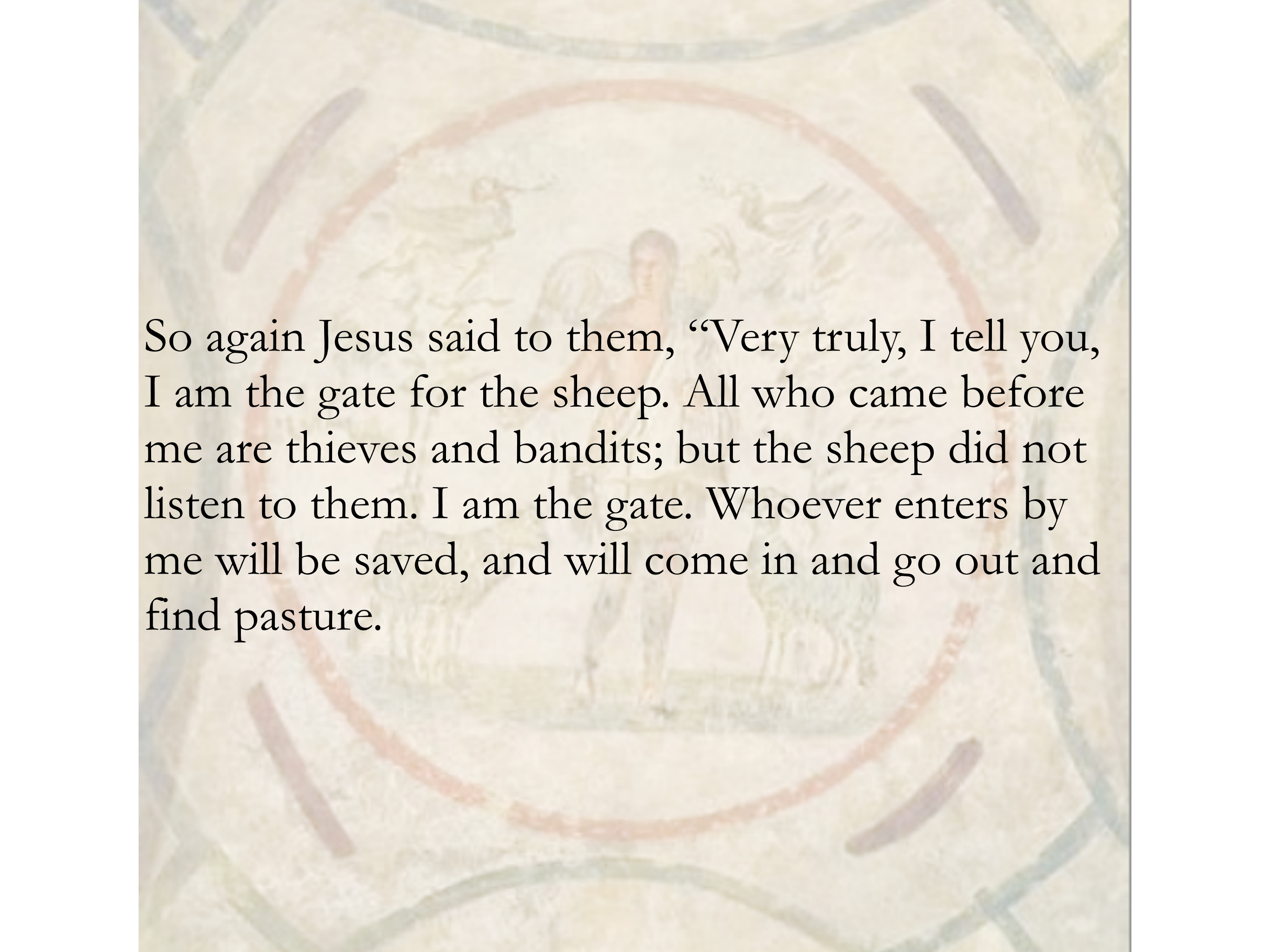
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

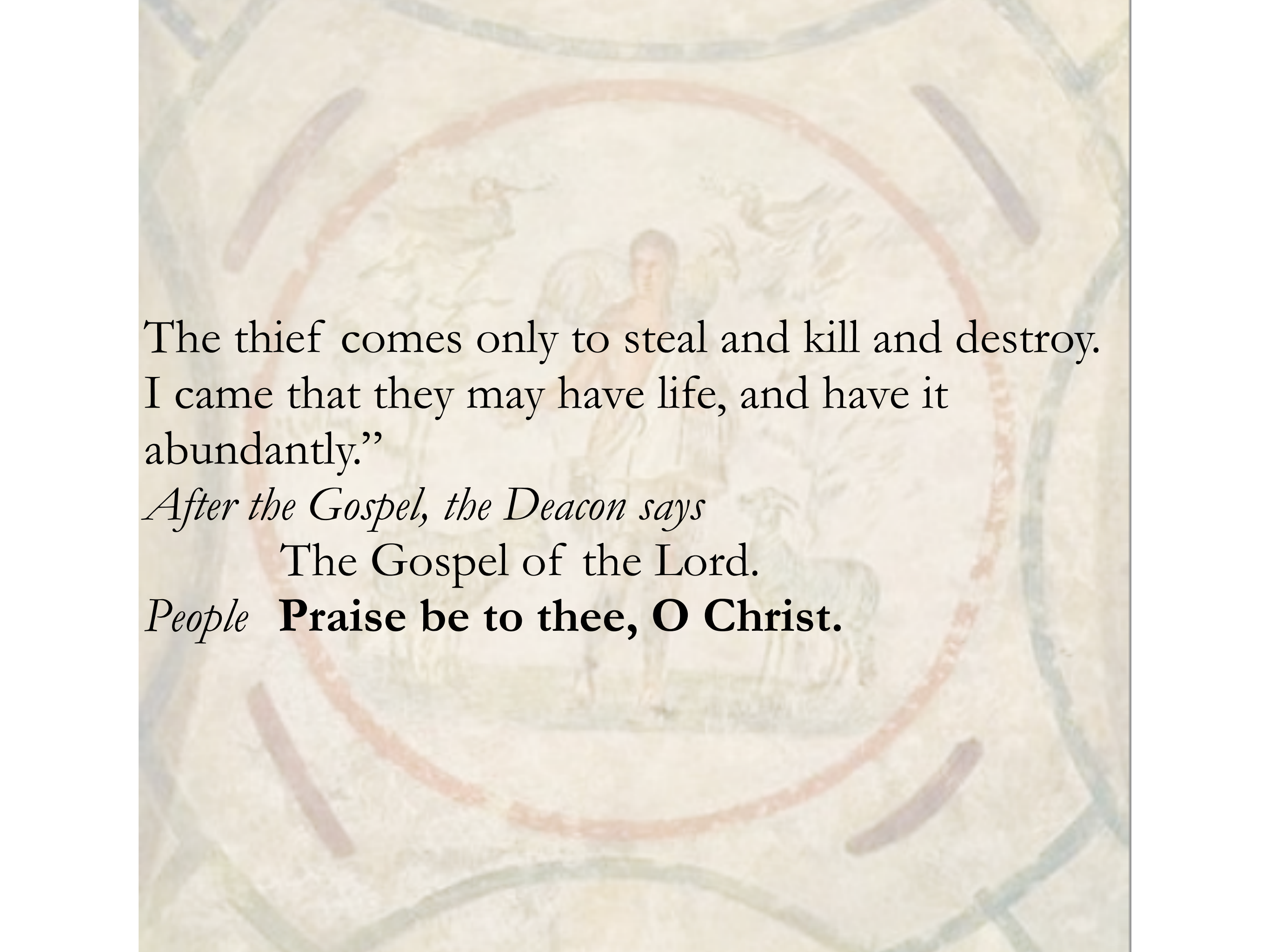
Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.



When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.



So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it
abundantly.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

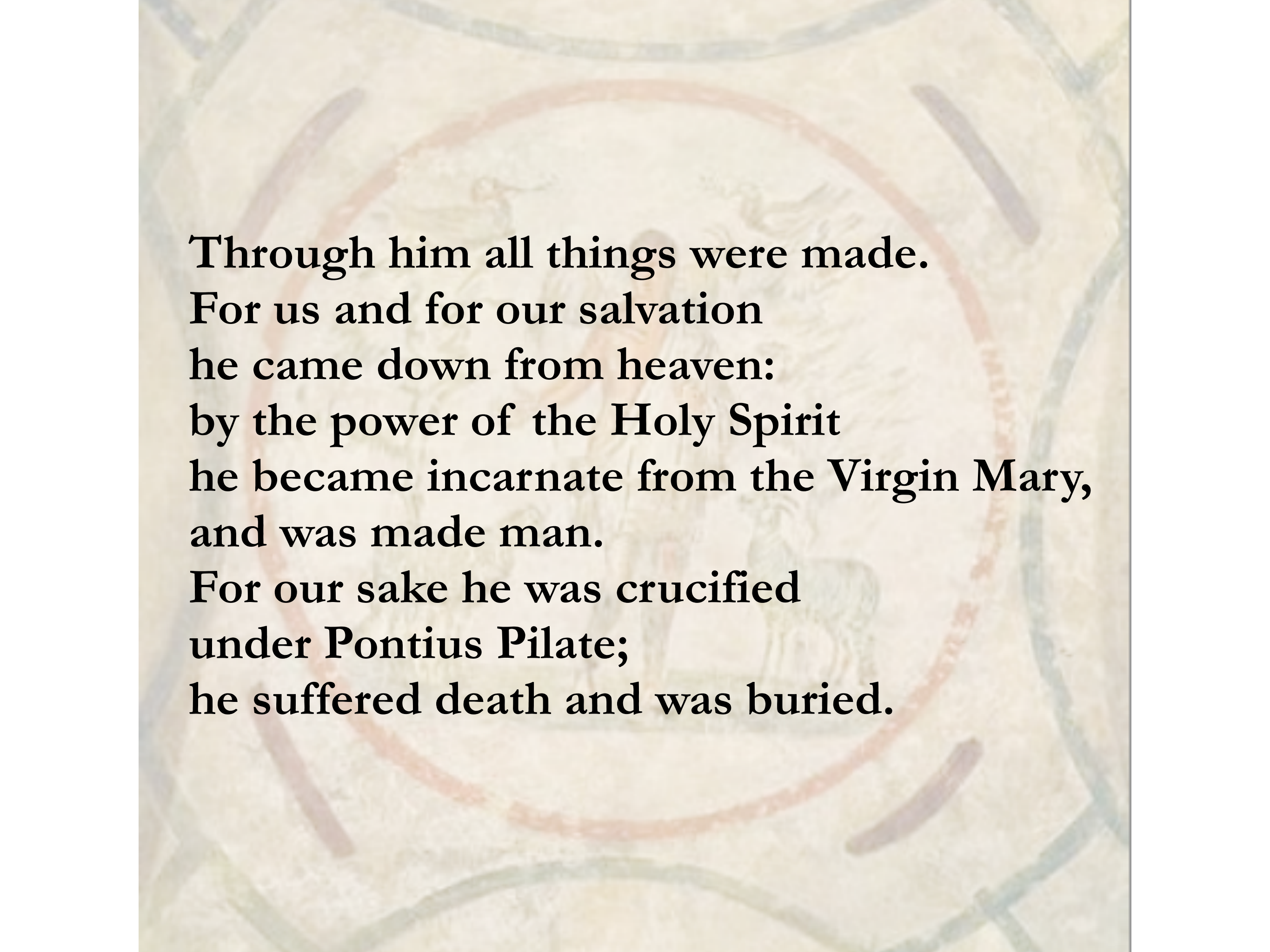
The background features a faint, circular illustration of a man, likely a shepherd, standing with a staff and surrounded by sheep. The scene is enclosed within a decorative border consisting of a central red circle, an outer grey circle, and four purple curved segments. The overall style is that of a historical manuscript or book cover.

The Sermon The Very Rev'd Daniel B. Brown

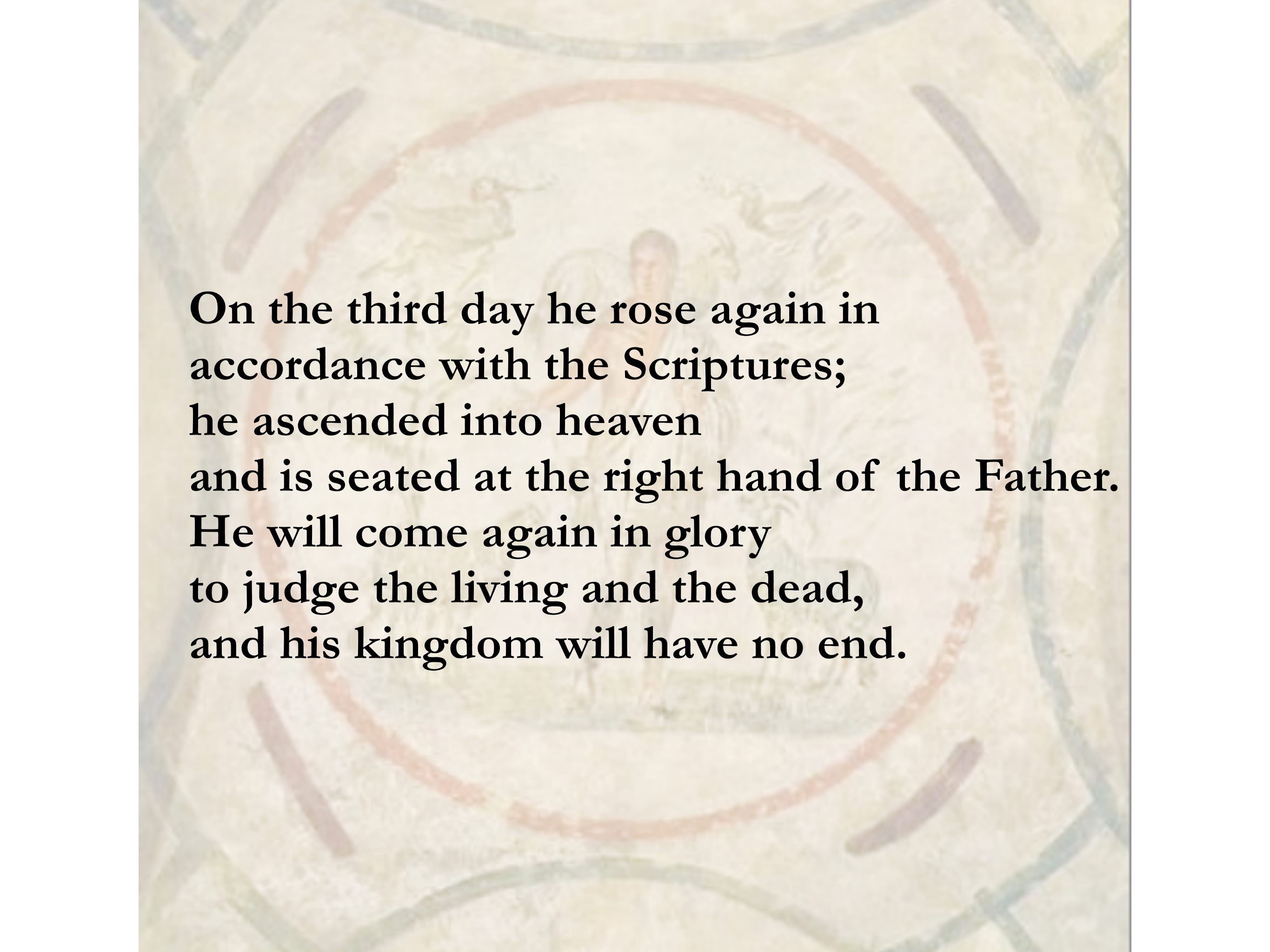
The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

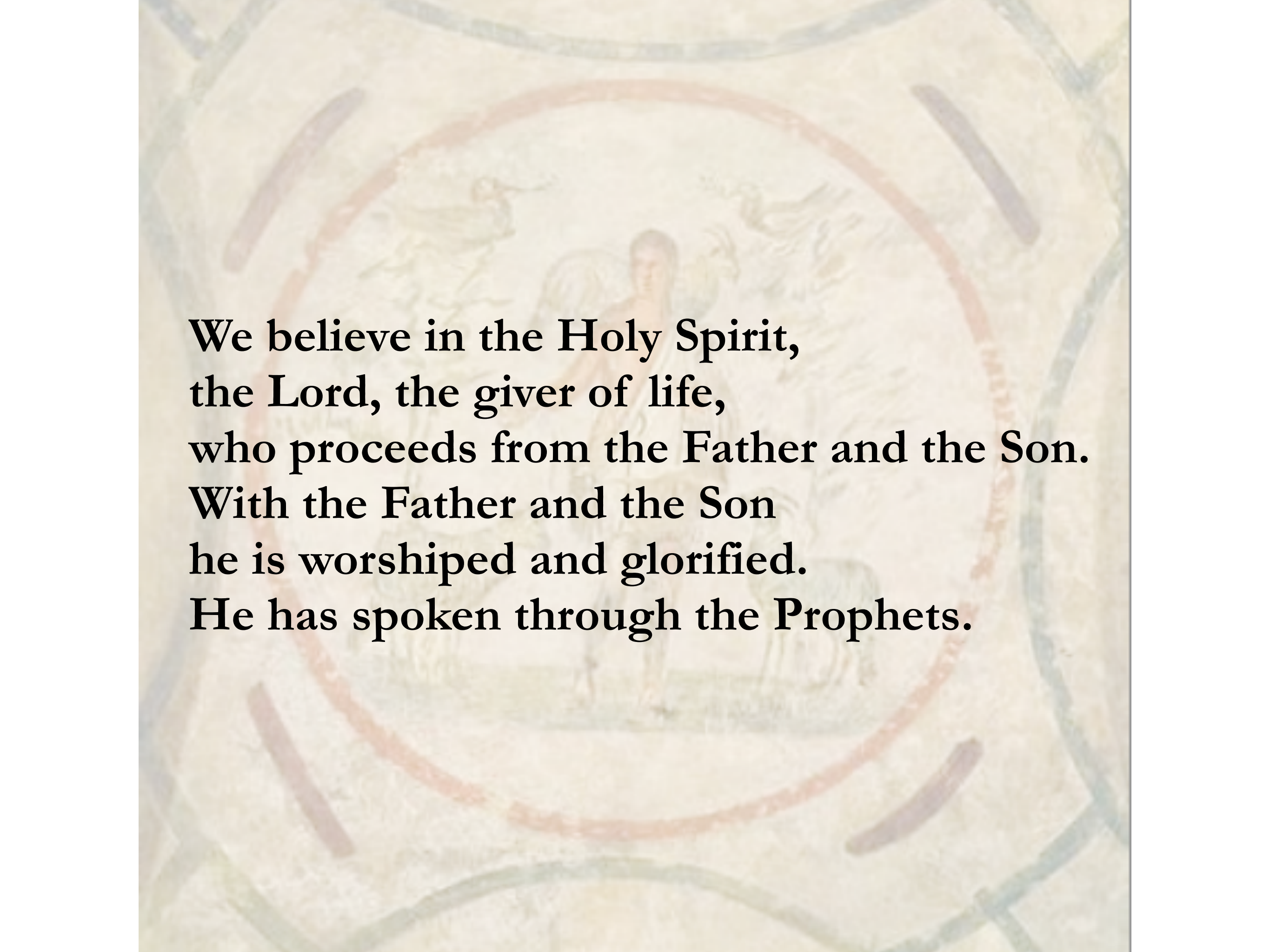
**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**



**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**



**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**



**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

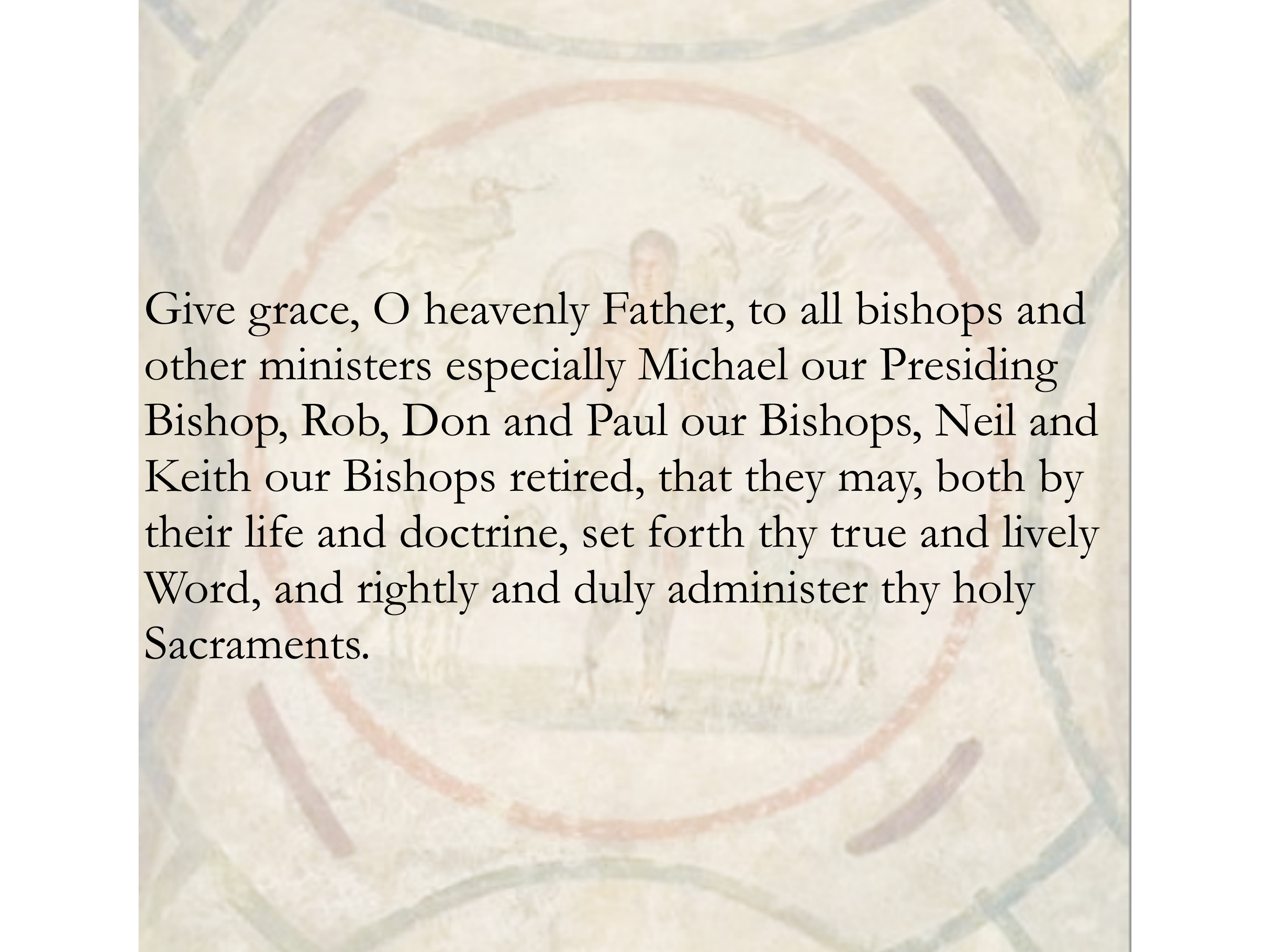
**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

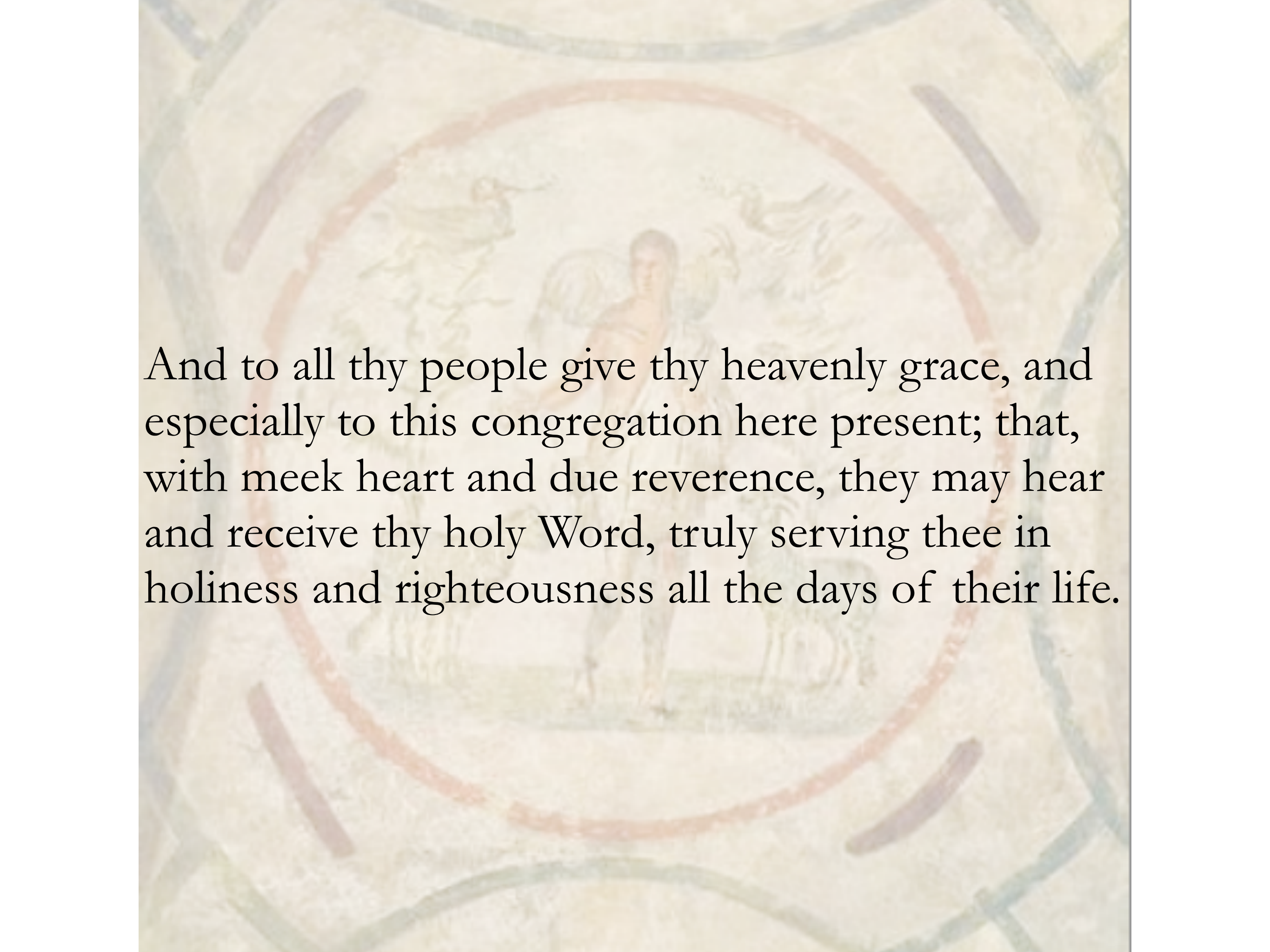
The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

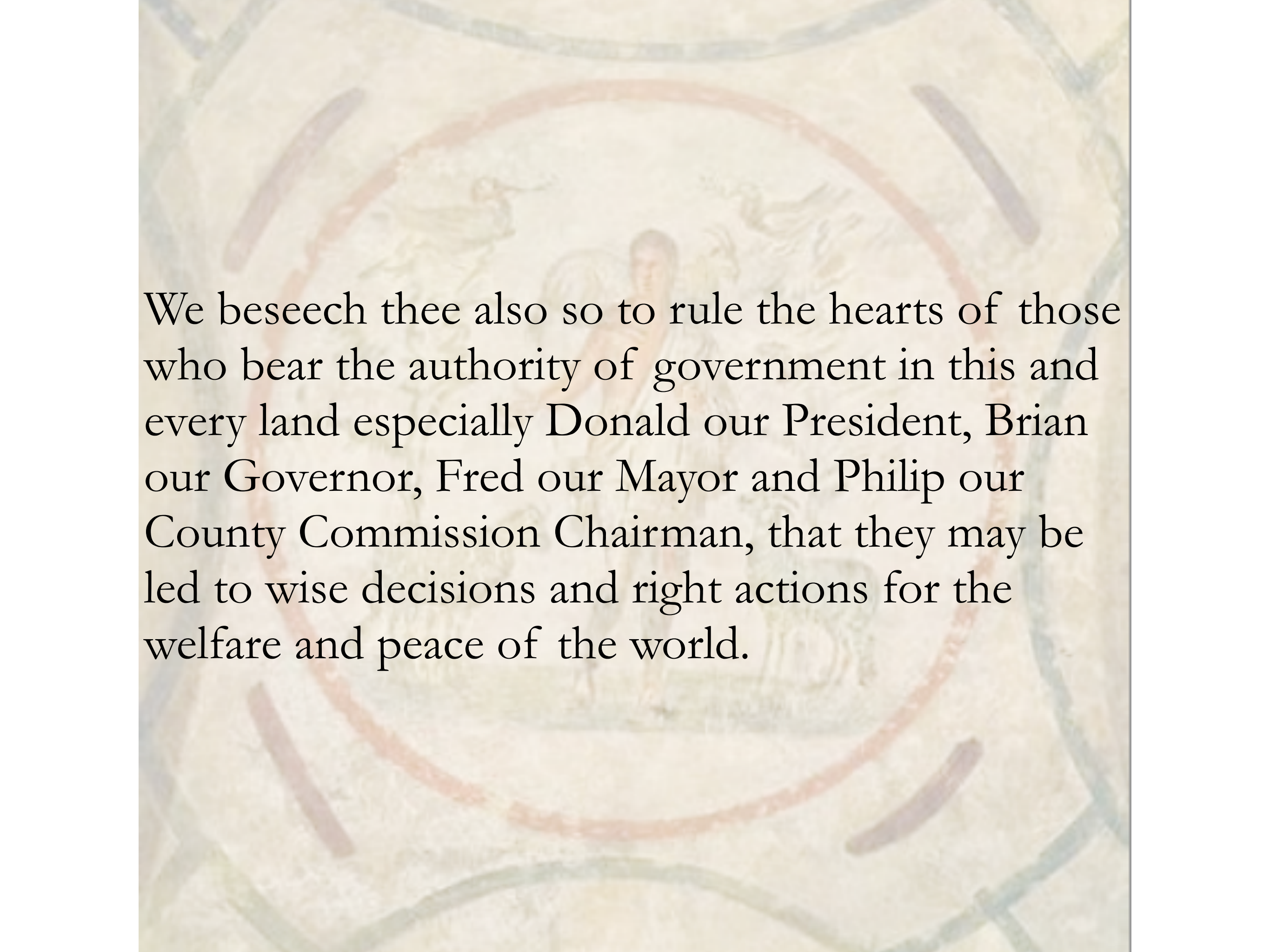
Intercessor Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

A faint, circular illustration in the background depicts a bishop in traditional vestments, standing and holding a staff. The illustration is centered and surrounded by a circular frame composed of several thick, curved lines in various colors (red, purple, blue, green).

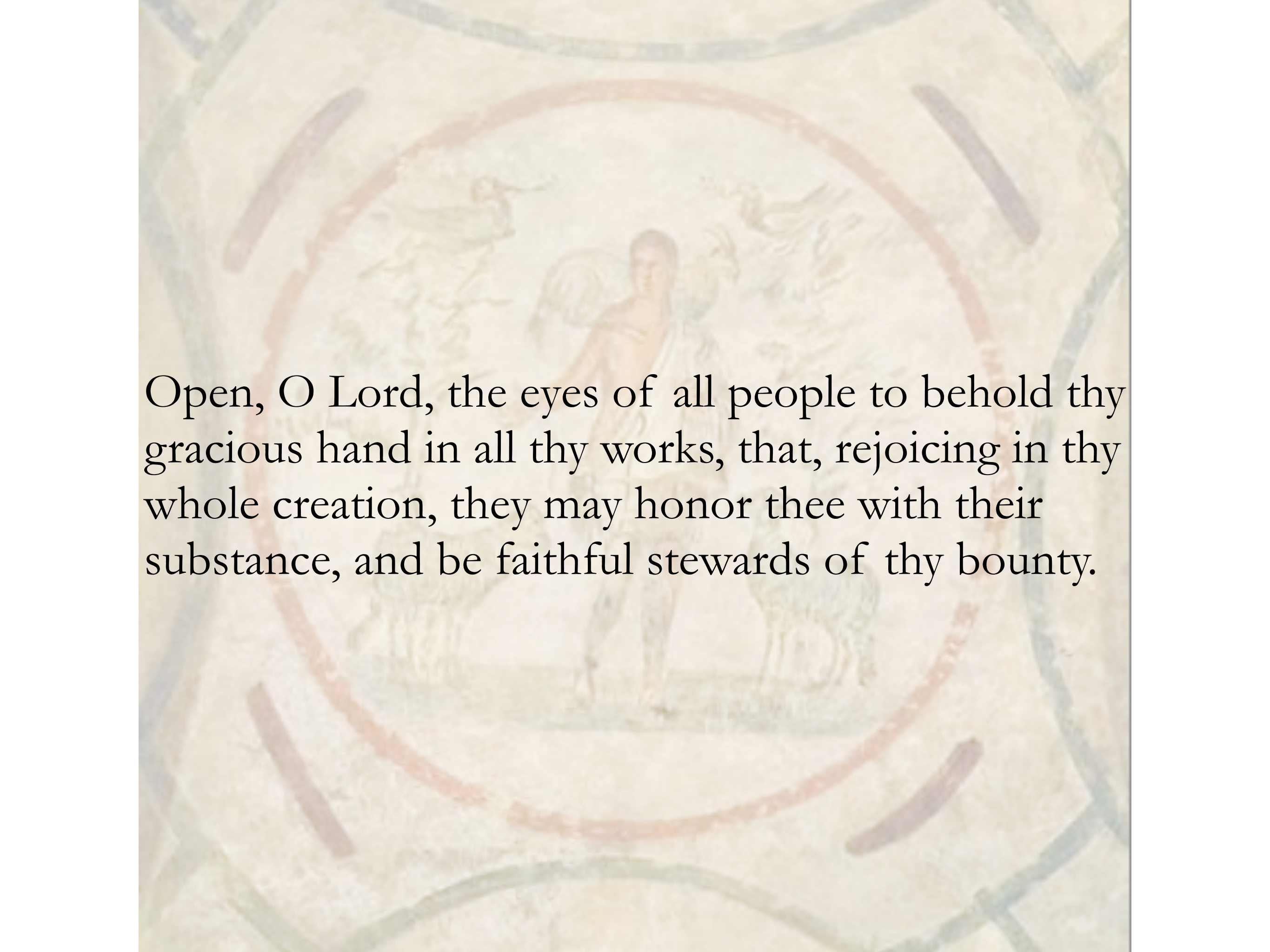
Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob, Don and Paul our Bishops, Neil and Keith our Bishops retired, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

A faint, circular illustration of a figure, possibly a saint or angel, surrounded by a decorative border of colorful, curved lines. The figure is centrally located and appears to be holding a book or a scroll. The background is a light, textured surface, and the overall style is reminiscent of a manuscript or a religious painting.

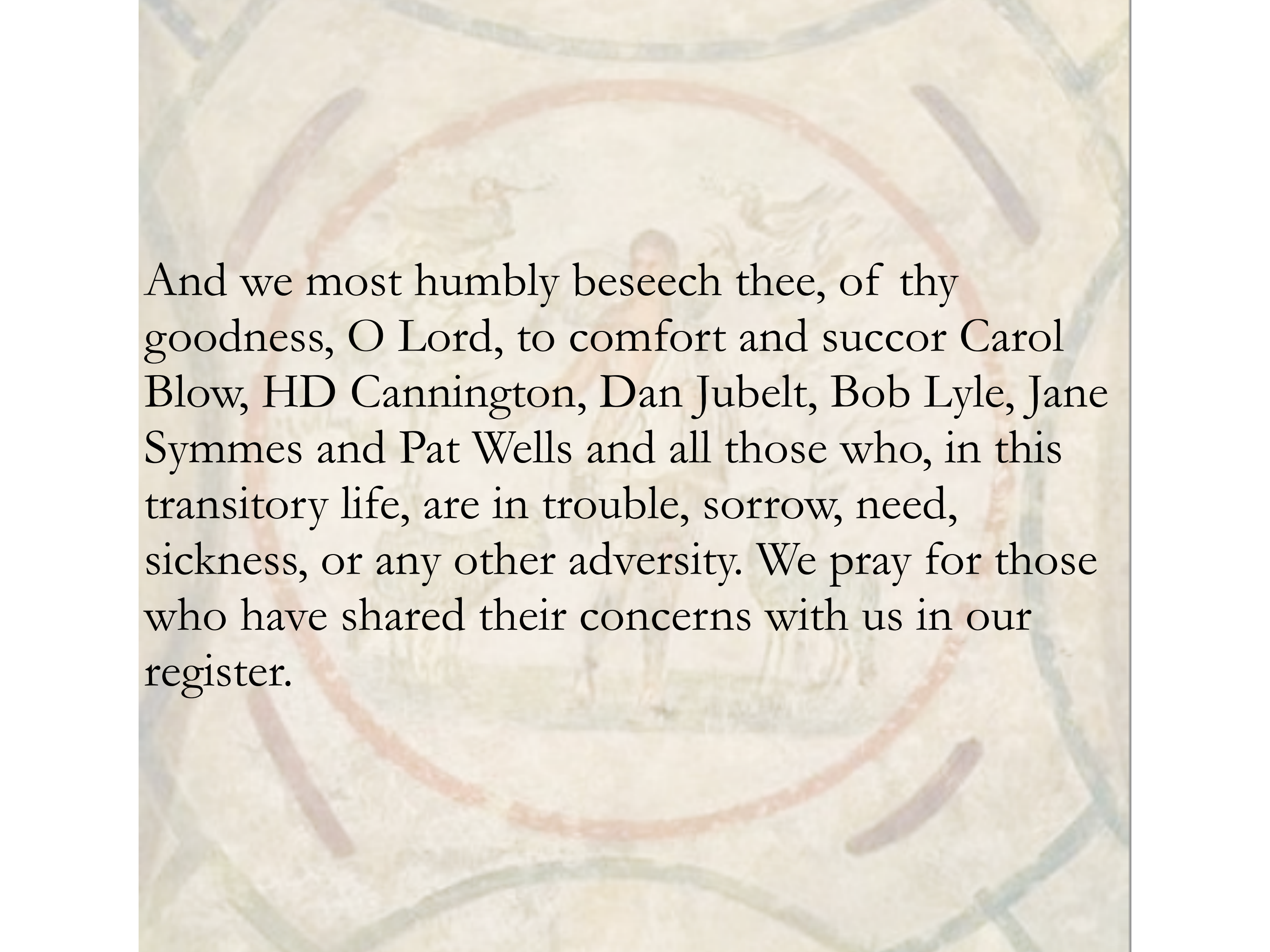
And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.



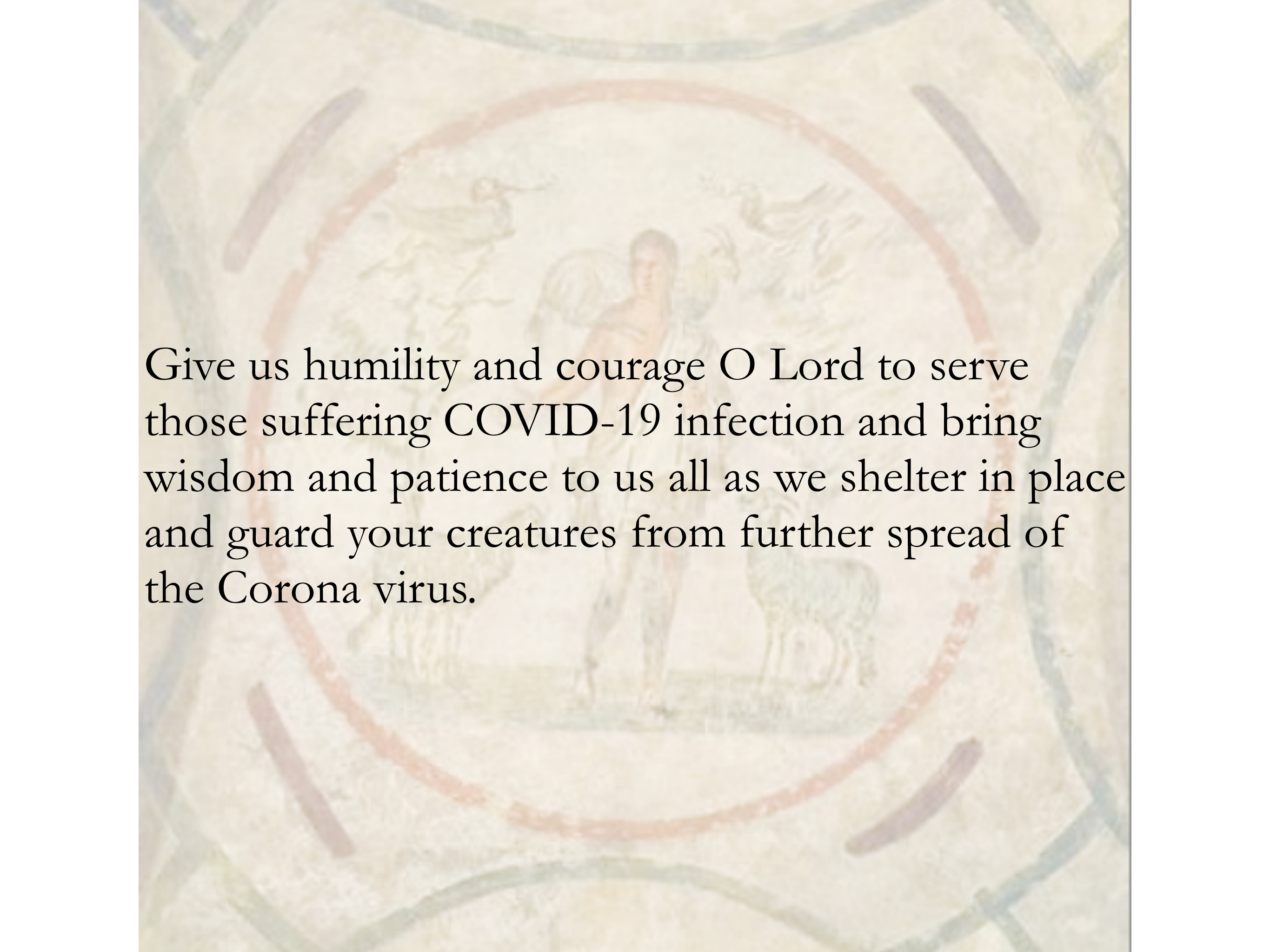
We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President, Brian our Governor, Fred our Mayor and Philip our County Commission Chairman, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

A faint, circular illustration of a man with a halo, possibly a saint or angel, surrounded by a decorative border of colorful, curved lines. The man is standing and looking forward, with a halo around his head. The background is light and textured. The border consists of several curved lines in shades of blue, purple, and red, arranged in a circular pattern around the central figure.

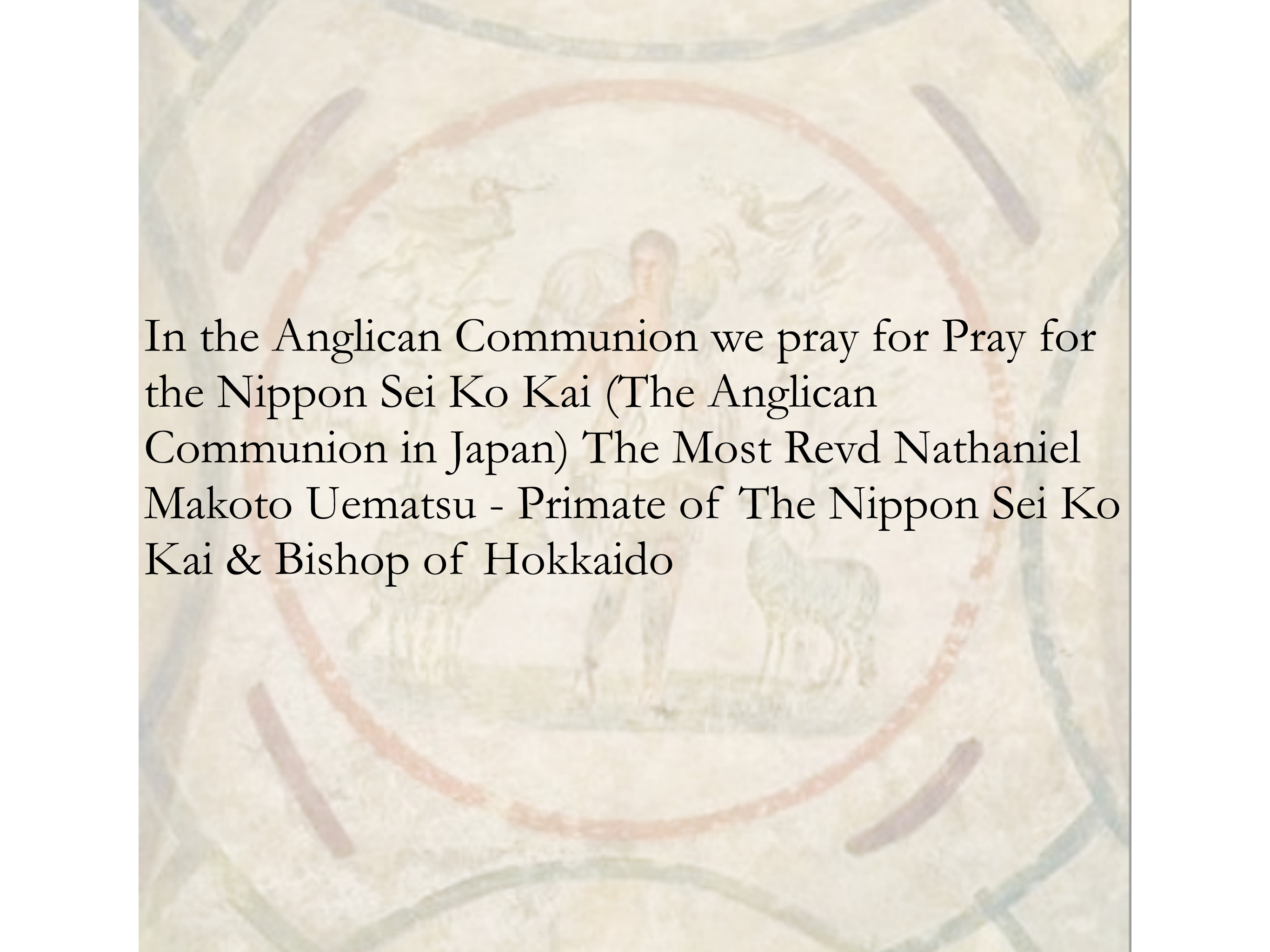
Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.



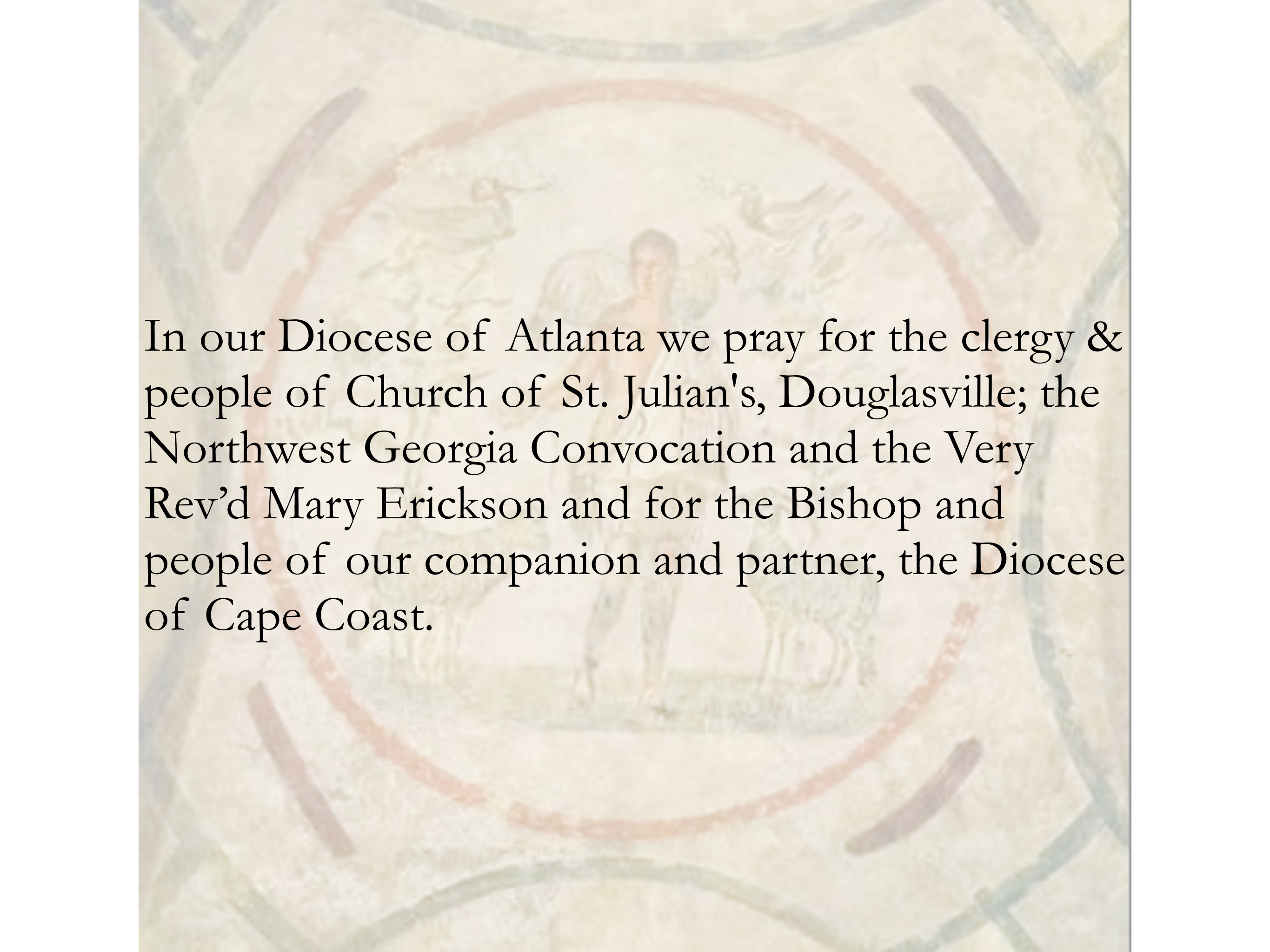
And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Carol Blow, HD Cannington, Dan Jubelt, Bob Lyle, Jane Symmes and Pat Wells and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for those who have shared their concerns with us in our register.




Give us humility and courage O Lord to serve those suffering COVID-19 infection and bring wisdom and patience to us all as we shelter in place and guard your creatures from further spread of the Corona virus.

The background features a faint, circular illustration. In the center, a figure with large, feathered wings stands. To the left and right of this central figure are two animals that resemble sheep or lambs. The entire scene is enclosed within a circular border. The background is a light, textured beige color with several curved, brush-like strokes in shades of blue, purple, and green, suggesting a stylized or artistic setting.

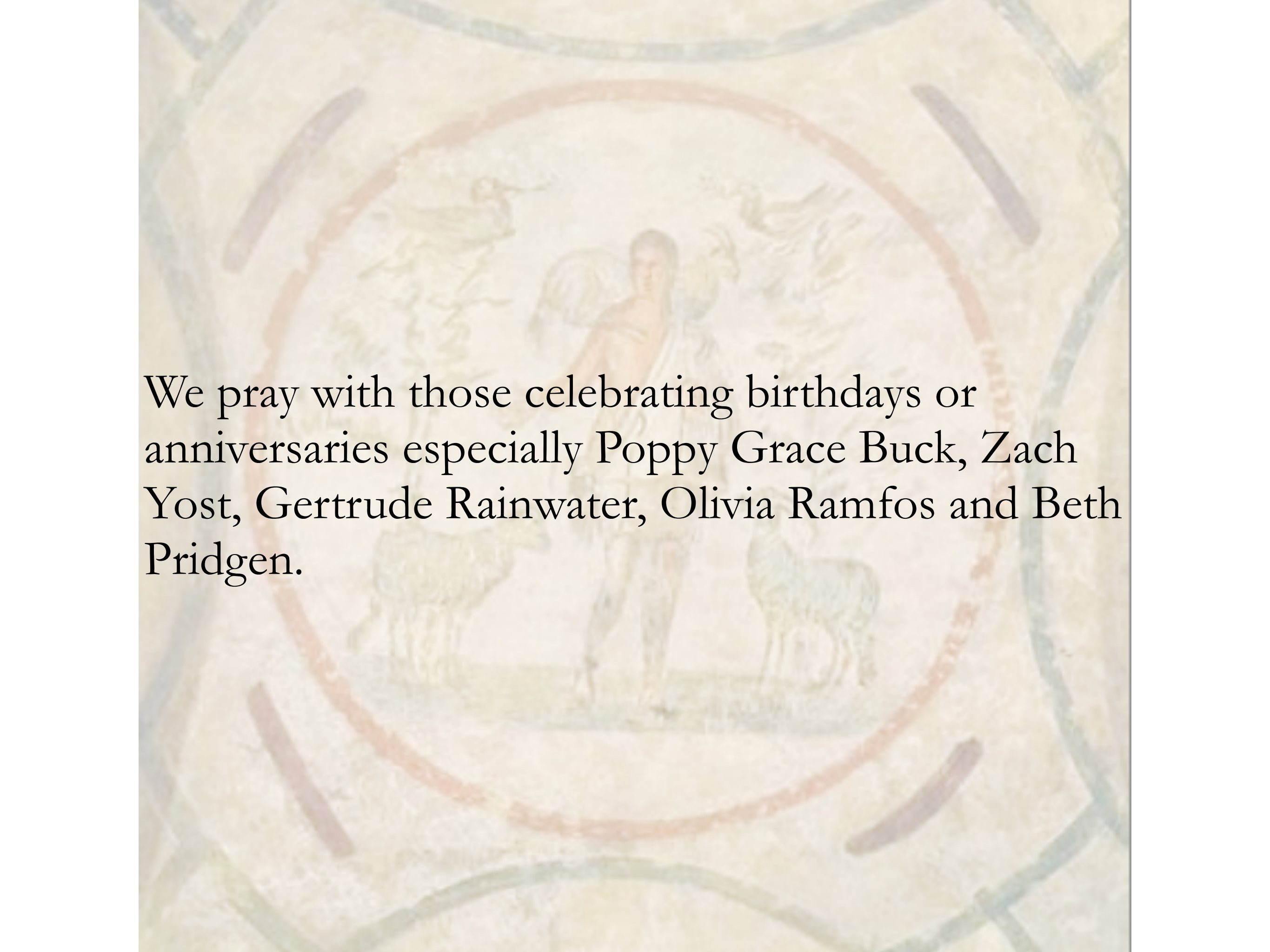
In the Anglican Communion we pray for Pray for
the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican
Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel
Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko
Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido



In our Diocese of Atlanta we pray for the clergy & people of Church of St. Julian's, Douglasville; the Northwest Georgia Convocation and the Very Rev'd Mary Erickson and for the Bishop and people of our companion and partner, the Diocese of Cape Coast.

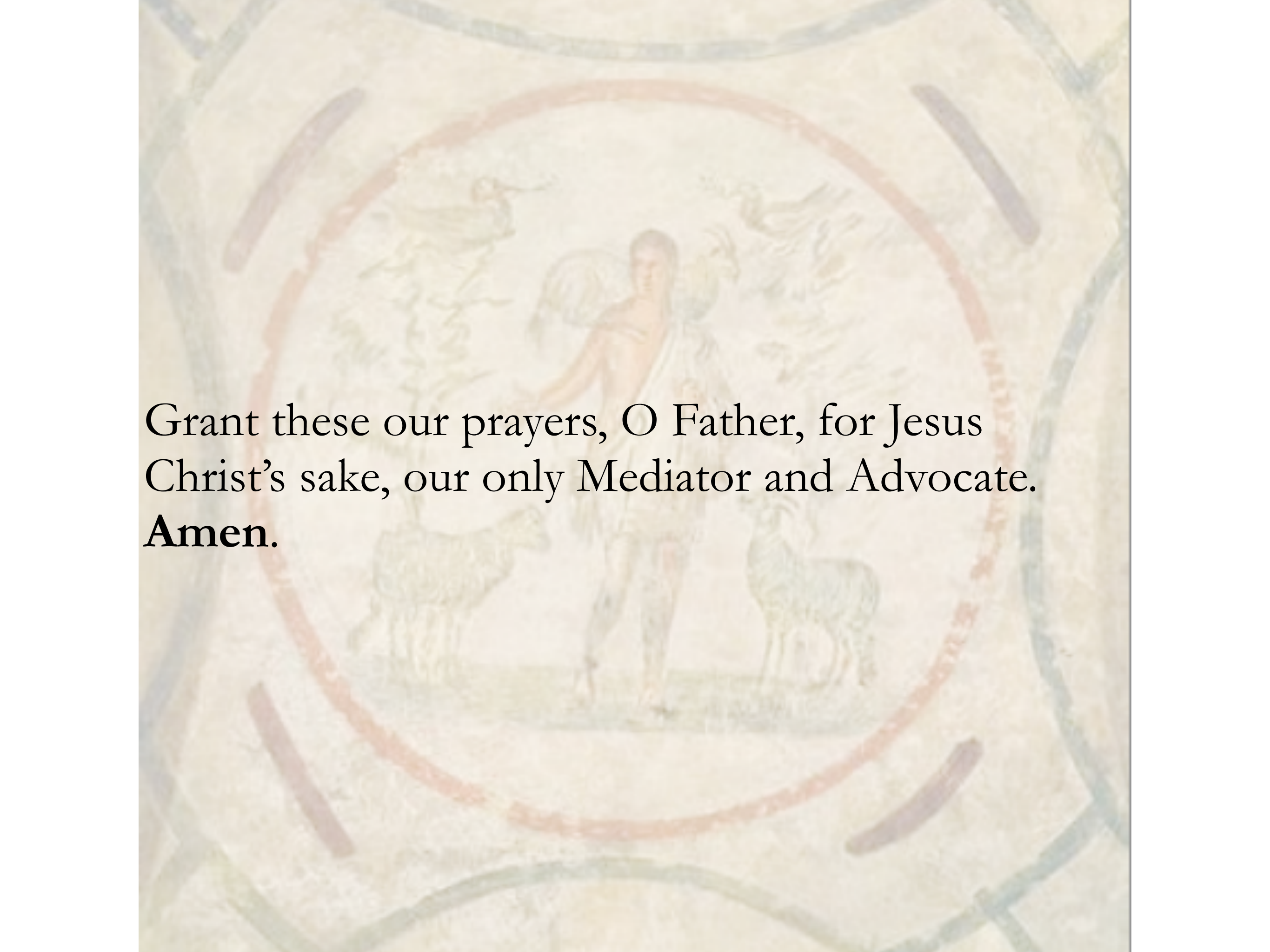


We pray for Doug Adkins and our Parish
Commission on Ministry: Terry Blum, OJ Booker,
Rick Crowne, and Anna Marett.

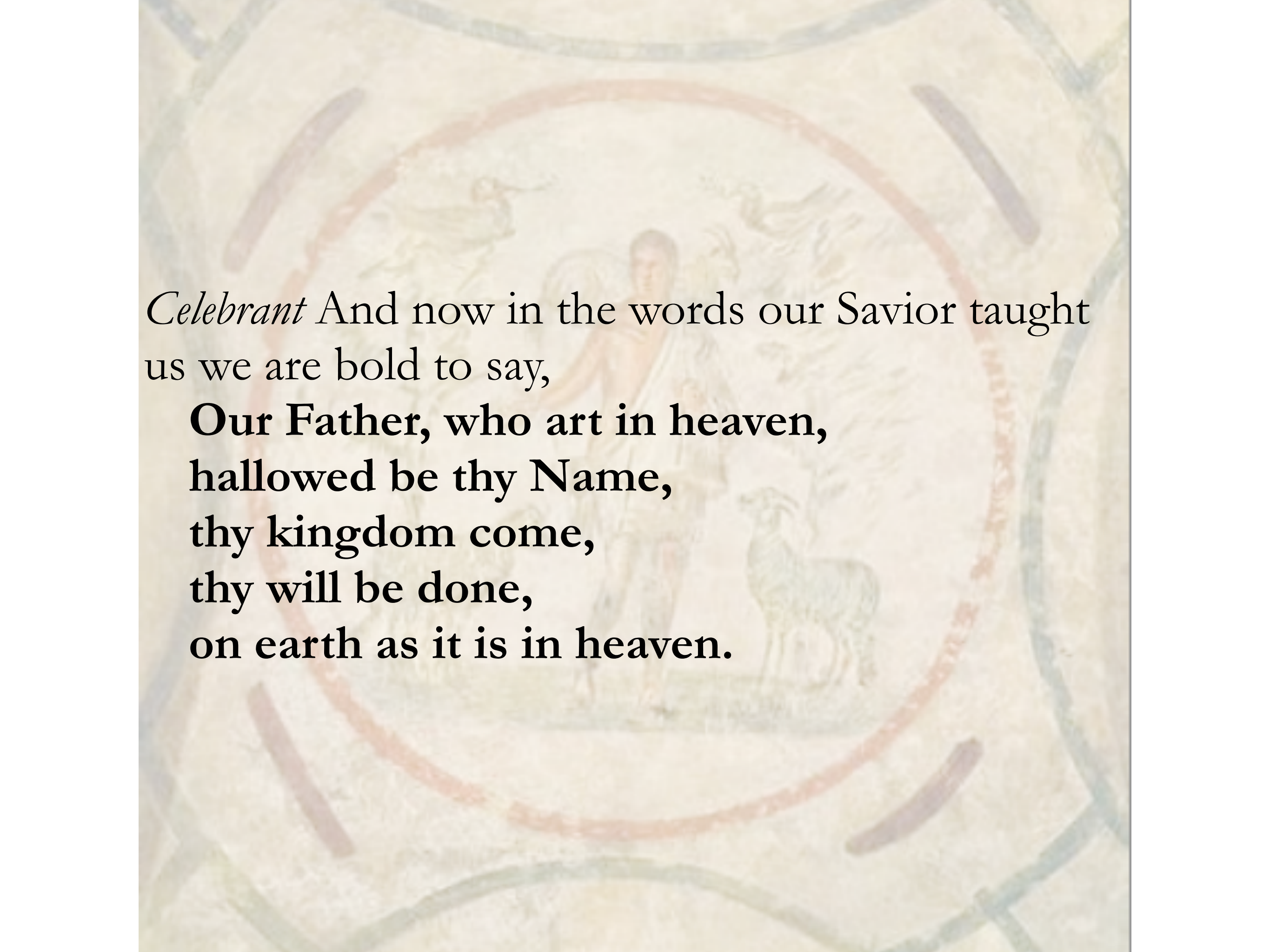
A faint, circular illustration of a man with a beard and a woman with a child, surrounded by sheep, set within a decorative frame of colored lines. The man is in the center, looking towards the viewer. The woman is to his right, holding a child. There are several sheep around them. The entire scene is enclosed in a circular border made of thick, colored lines in shades of red, orange, and blue. The background is a light, textured beige.

We pray with those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries especially Poppy Grace Buck, Zach Yost, Gertrude Rainwater, Olivia Ramfos and Beth Pridgen.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Jack Hall, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service and for all who have lost their lives to the corona virus and its complications; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of ever-blessed Virgin Mary, dear John the Baptist and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

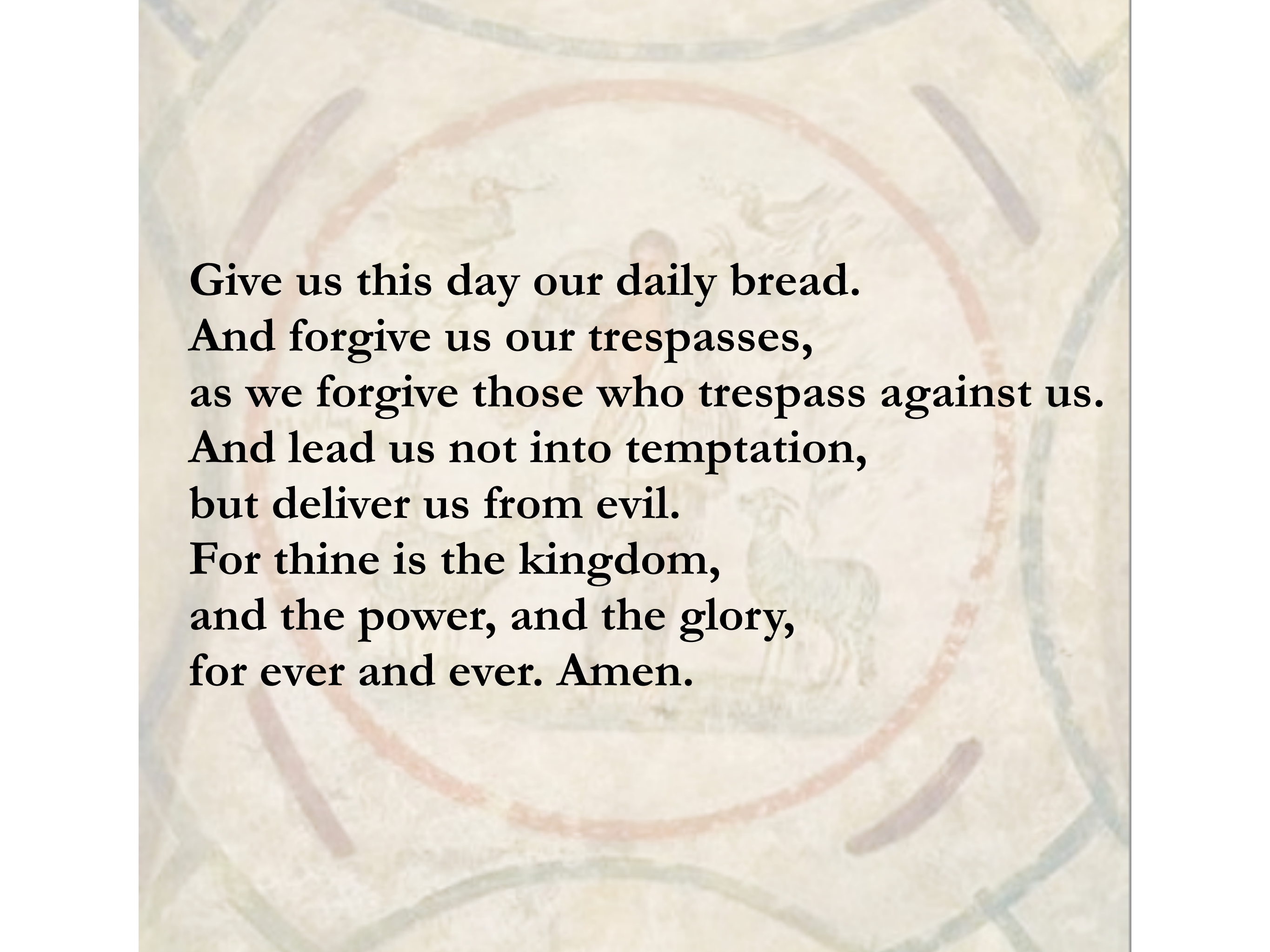


Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus
Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.



Celebrant And now in the words our Savior taught
us we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

The background features a light beige or cream color with faint, overlapping circular patterns in shades of blue, green, and orange. In the center, there is a very faint, circular illustration of a figure, possibly a religious or historical figure, surrounded by other smaller, less distinct figures or symbols.

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

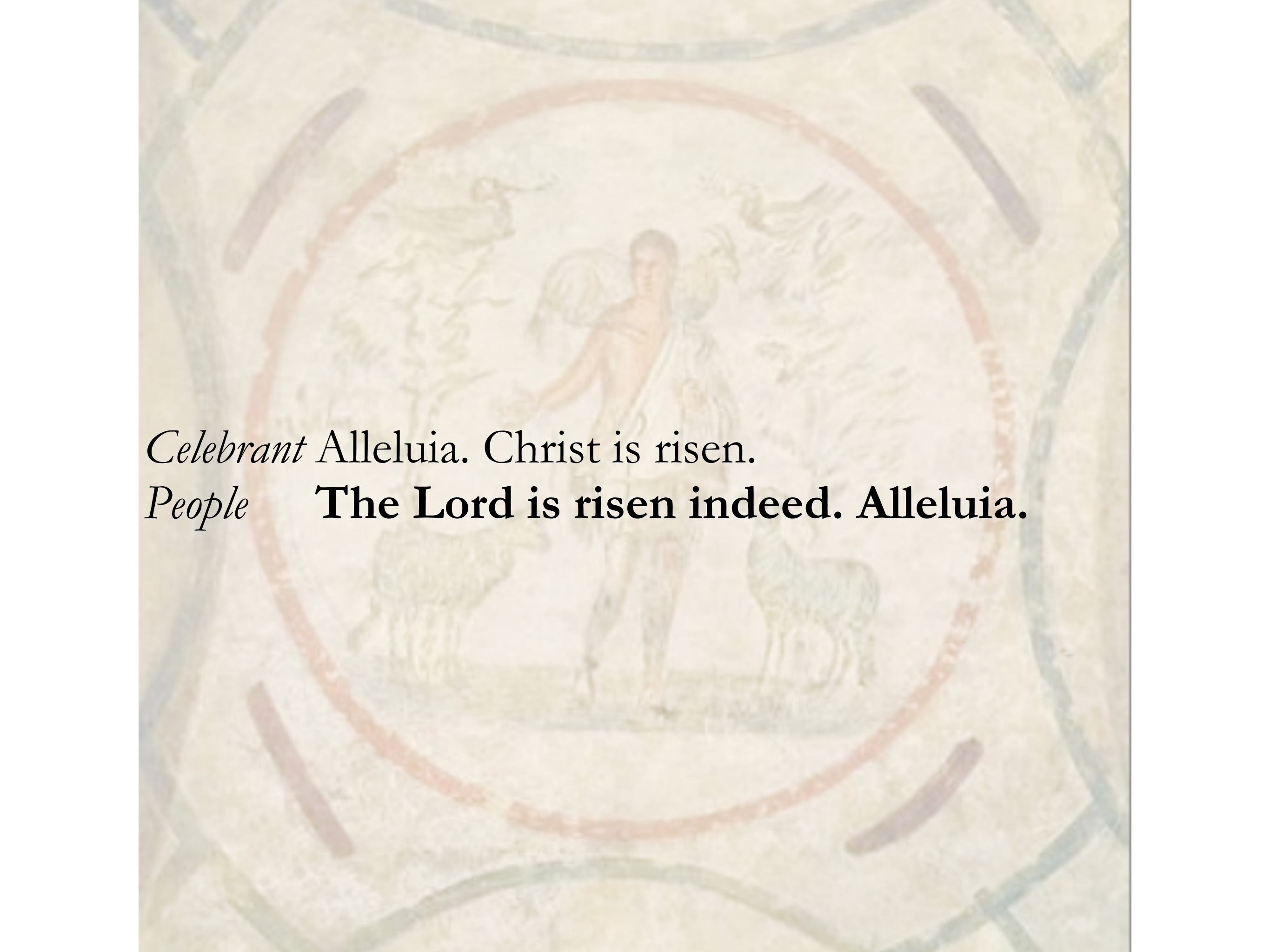
A Blessing for Easter Season

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

