

The background is an abstract composition of watercolor textures. It features a central area of light beige or off-white paper with subtle variations in tone and texture. Surrounding this central area are various colored washes and splatters: a dark blue wash in the top left corner, a bright orange wash in the bottom left corner, and a brownish-orange wash in the top right corner. There are also several small, irregular brown spots scattered across the lower right portion of the page. The overall effect is organic and artistic, suggesting a hand-drawn or watercolor-painted background.

Intercessions

Almighty God
in view of your great mercy
we lay our lives down as a morning
sacrifice for you.
Choosing to die to self,
We ask you to pour your mighty
resurrection power through us,
That Jesus may be revealed and your
kingdom come in power,
Changing us and redeeming the world.

Amen

Christ as a light illuminate and guide me.

Christ as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me, Christ over me,

Christ beside me, on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,

Lowly and meek yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,

In the mouth of each who speaks to me.

This day be within and without me,

Lowly and meek yet all-powerful

Christ as a light, Christ as a shield,

Christ beside me on my left and my right.

The background features a large iceberg floating in a blue sea. The top part of the iceberg is visible above the water, while the much larger, submerged part is visible below the surface. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and white. The word "Sermon" is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

Sermon



GOING DEEPER

With God

Communion



Our meal of bread and wine
was started long ago.

Each time we gather,
we remember what it means to us.

At important Jewish meals,
a young person asks questions about
what the family is going to do.

Today, one of our children will ask questions
about the family meal we share in Jesus ' name:



Child: What are we going to do at this table?

First, we will say a prayer to thank God for everything God has given us.

Then, we will break a loaf of bread in pieces and pass the pieces around the whole church so everyone who wants to can have a taste.

We will pass these cups of wine around the whole church, too,

so everyone who wants to can have a drink.



Child: Why do we share bread and wine?

We share bread and wine today because Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends long ago.

It was the same night when Jesus was arrested, on the night before he died.

That night he asked his friends to keep sharing bread and wine to remember him.



Child: But I wasn't there with Jesus. What should I remember?

When you take a bit of bread, you should remember that Jesus lived a life like yours.

He shared bread with his friends and with everyone who needed it.

When you drink the wine, you should remember that Jesus died because he loves you.



He died to promise you
that God's love is so powerful,
there is nothing to be afraid of, not even dying.
So when we take this bread and this wine,

We remember that Jesus is still with us.
Just as the bread we eat fills our bodies
and the wine we drink warms our hearts,
Jesus fills us and warms us with his love every
day, every place we go.



Let us give thanks together:

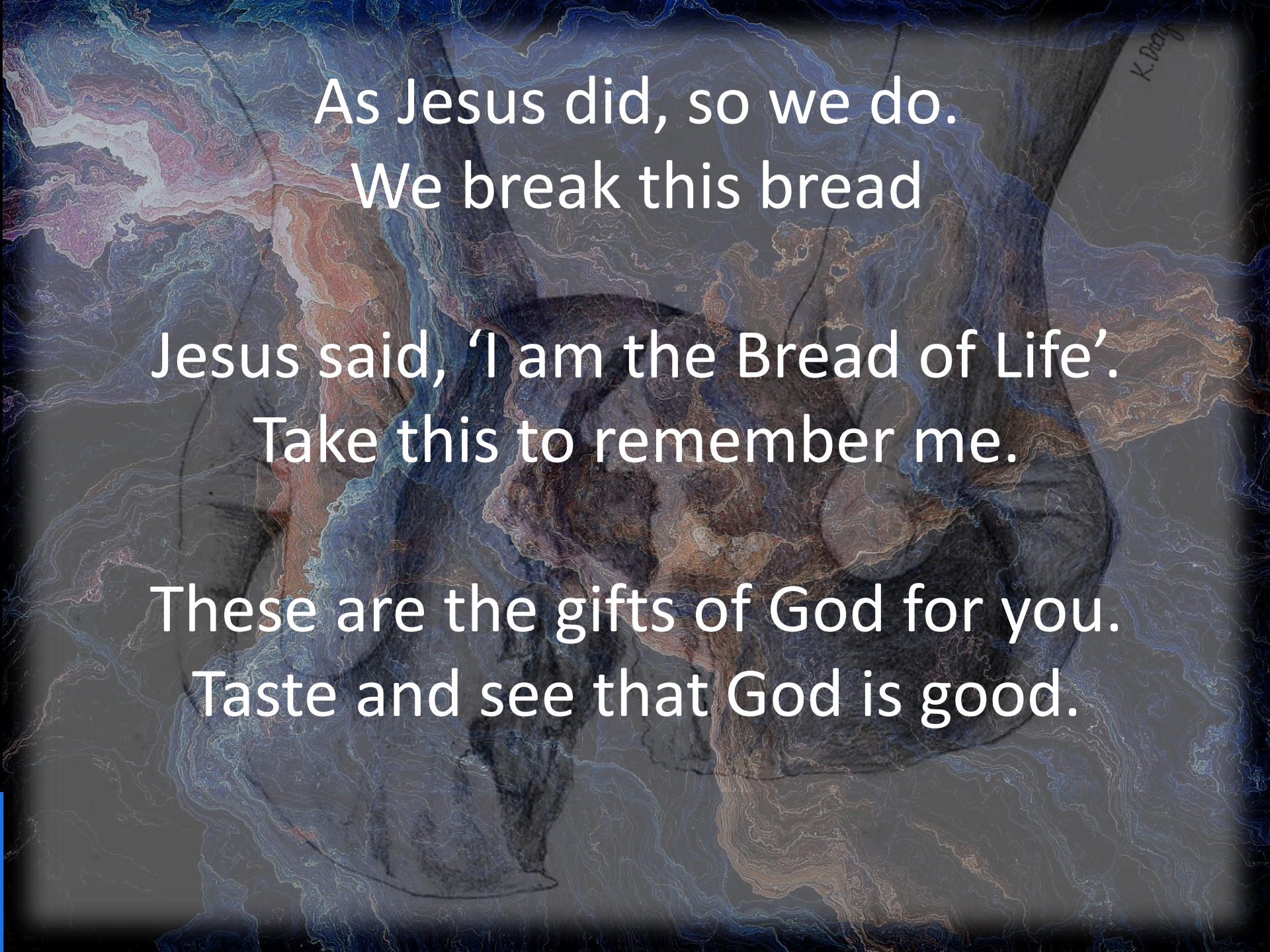


**You watch us walking or sleeping,
keep every tear we shed,
hear every prayer we make,
know our best and worst,
and still love us, never letting us go.**



So, send now your Spirit among us
and upon this bread and wine,
that we may taste and see your goodness,
be embraced by your love,
and be engaged in your service. Amen.

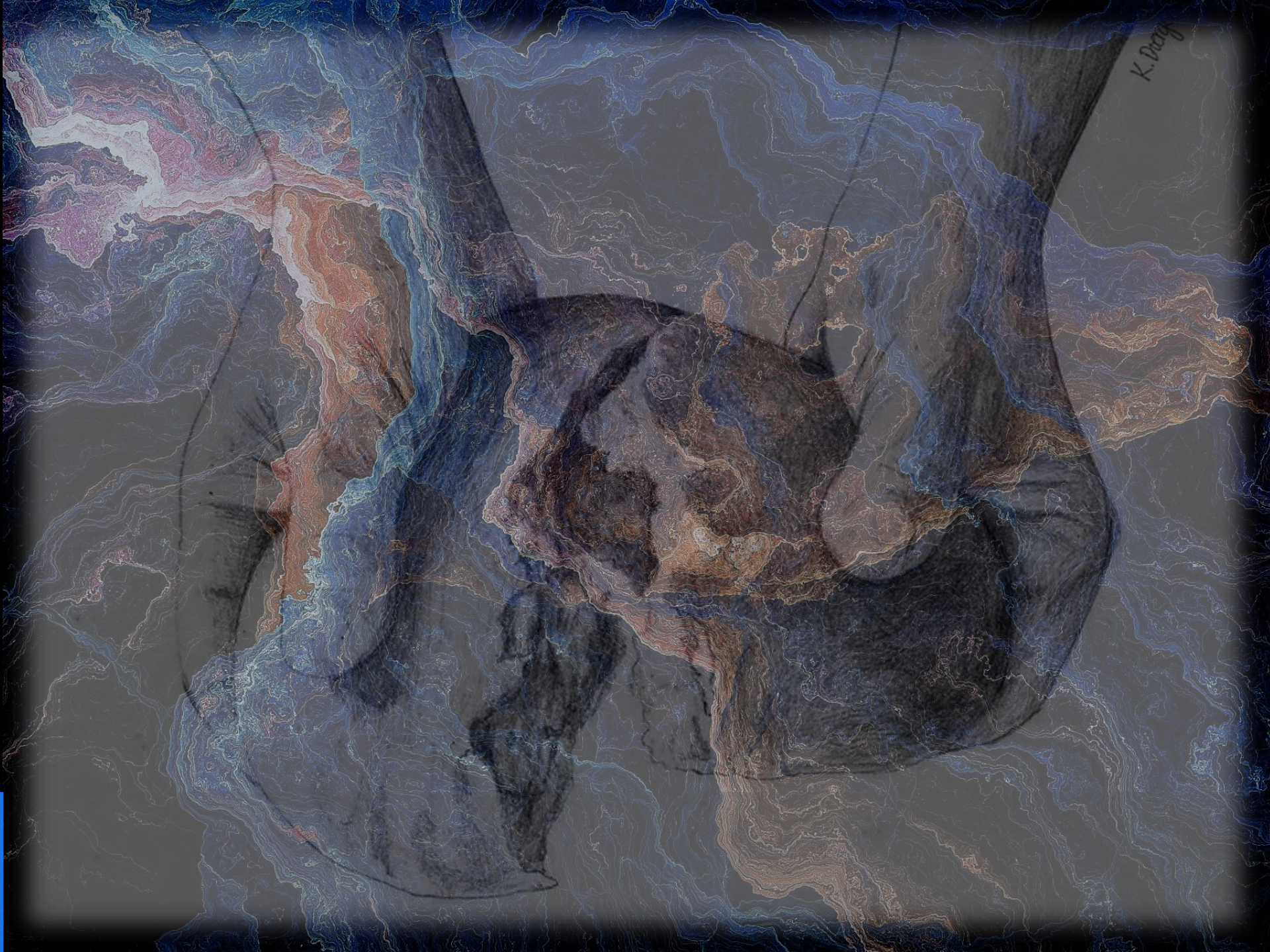




As Jesus did, so we do.
We break this bread

Jesus said, 'I am the Bread of Life'.
Take this to remember me.

These are the gifts of God for you.
Taste and see that God is good.



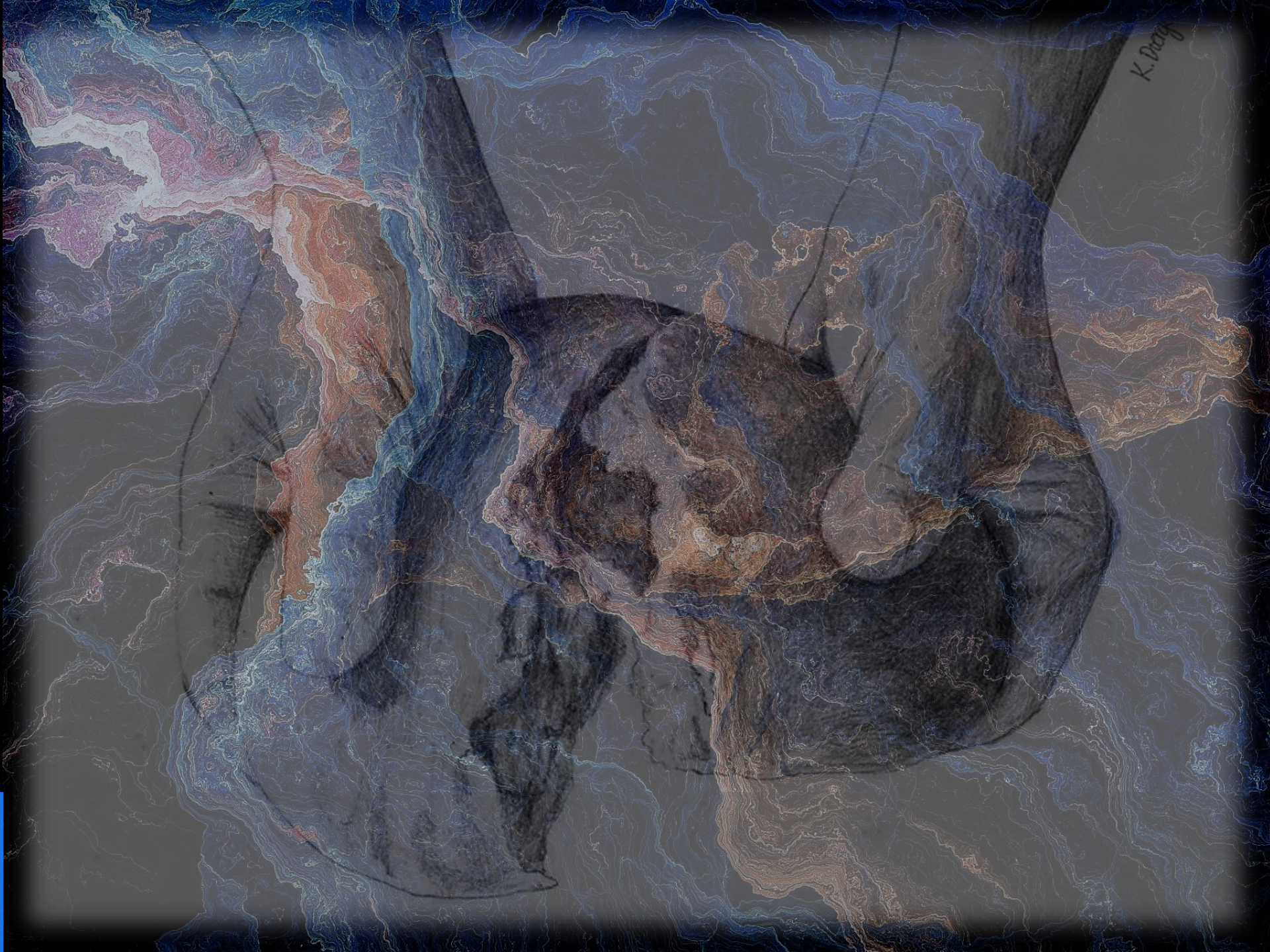
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Jesus said, 'I am the vine, and you are my
branches.'

This is the cup of joy. Drink from it, all of
you, to remember Jesus.

These are the gifts of God for you.
Taste and see that God is good.



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Let us say together:

Loving God, your love is near us.

Those needing your love are all around us.

Send us into your world to love each other,
knowing you love us.

Show us where we can make
a difference for all.

This is what Jesus wanted.

Help us live for Him wherever we go.

Amen.

