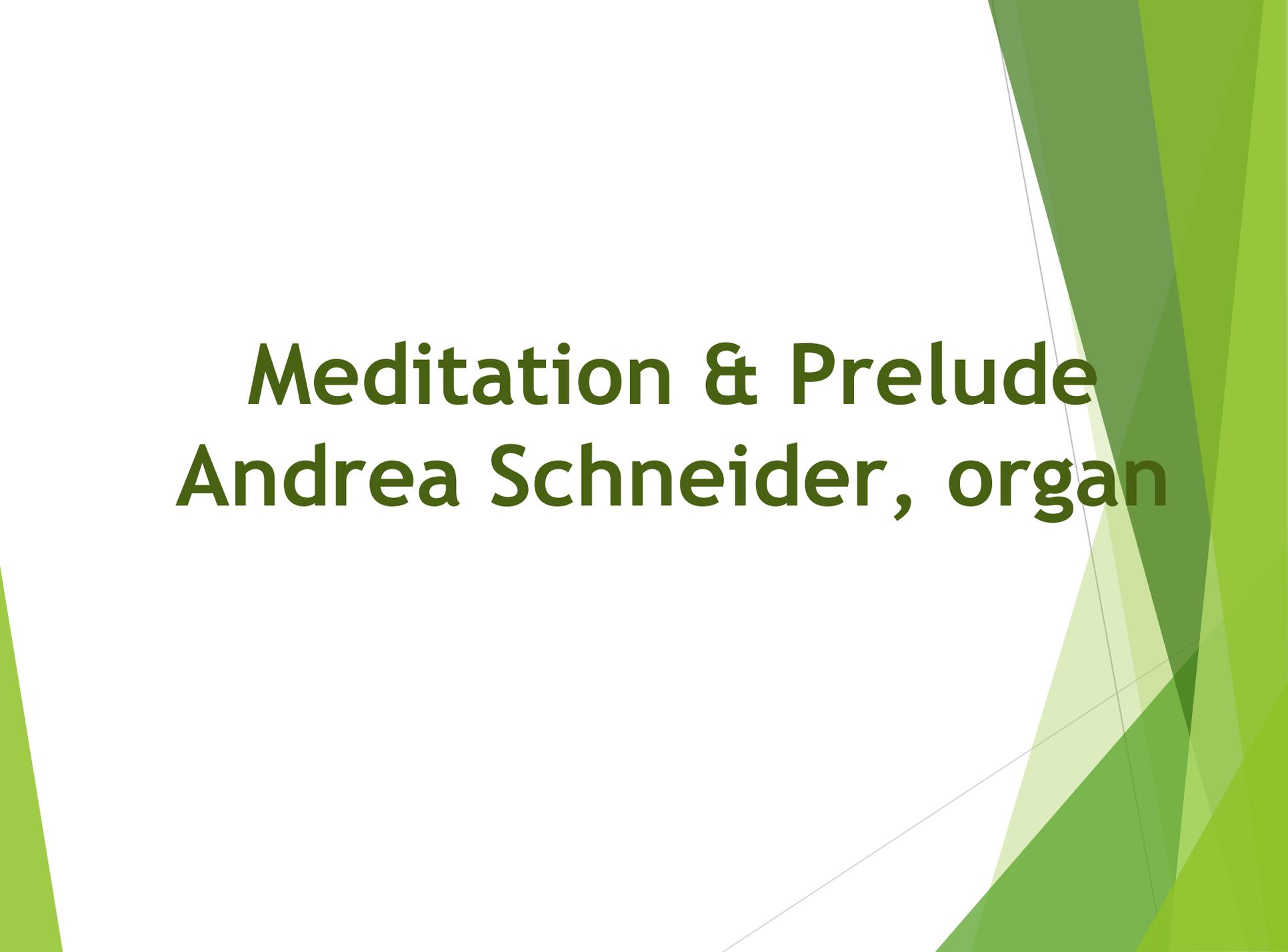




Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THOSE WHO MAKE PEACE

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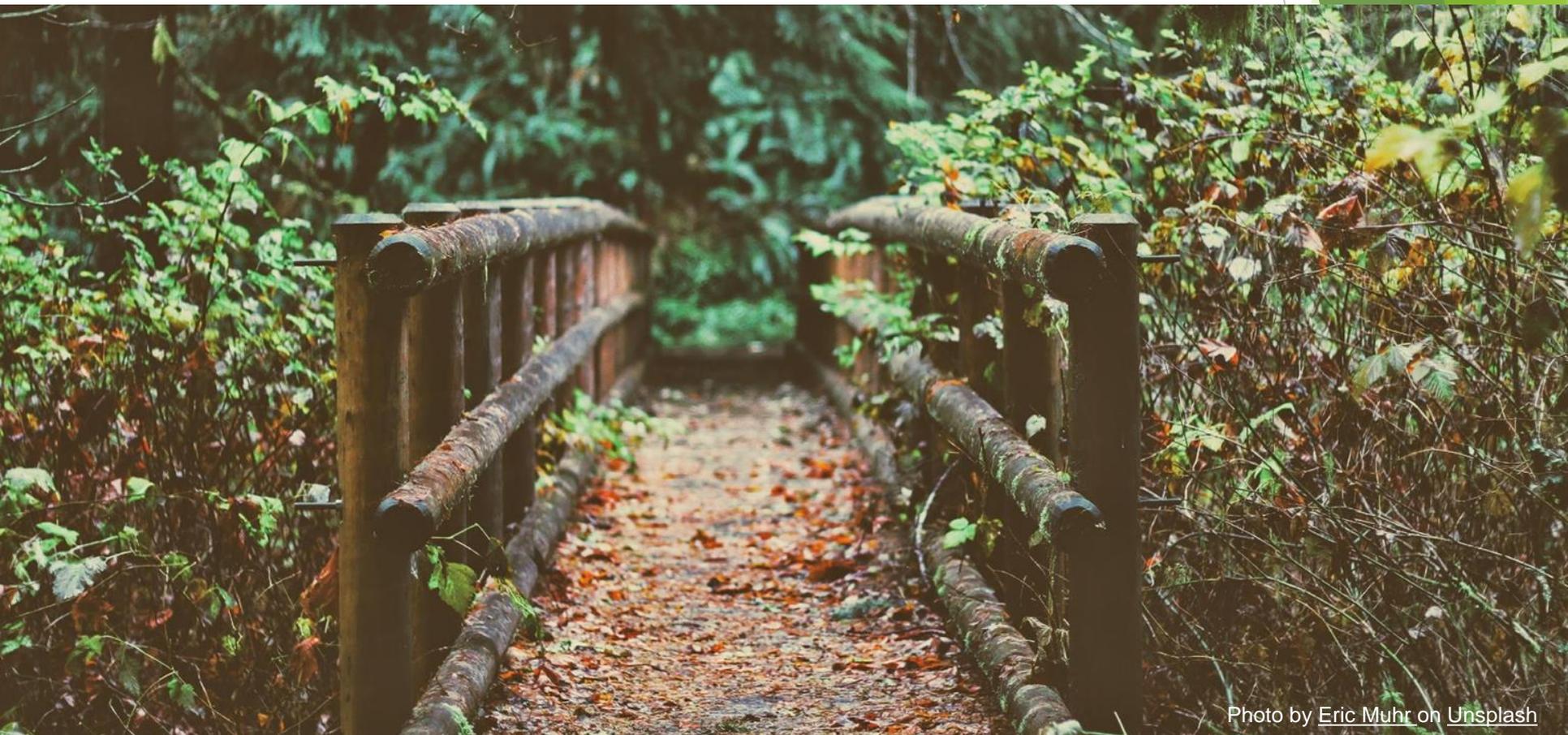
Meditation & Prelude
Andrea Schneider, organ

Welcome and Peace

Lighting Candles

Wash and Pray

Opening Song



Wash and Pray

wash & pray

Scientific studies have shown that thoroughly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20-30 seconds helps prevent the spread of germs. Coincidentally, the Lord's Prayer takes about 30 seconds to say aloud or in your head. So next time you're washing your hands, use that half minute to pray AND help prevent the spread of germs!



0 Our Father in heaven,



1 hallowed be your name,



2 your kingdom come,
your will be done,



3 on earth as in heaven.



4 Give us today our daily
bread.



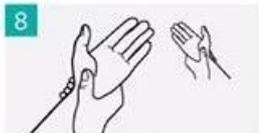
5 Forgive us our sins



6 as we forgive those who
sin against us.



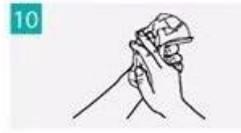
7 Lead us not into
temptation



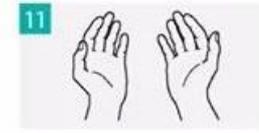
8 but deliver us from evil.



9 for the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are
yours



10 now and forever.



11 Amen.

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour
of prayer! that calls me from a
world of care, and bids me at my
Father's throne make all my wants
and wishes known.

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's
snare by thy return, sweet hour of
prayer!

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour
of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I
share of those whose anxious spirits
burn with strong desires for thy
return!

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his
face, and gladly take my station
there, and wait for thee, sweet
hour of prayer!

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour
of prayer! thy wings shall my
petition bear to him whose truth
and faithfulness engage the waiting
soul to bless.

Opening Hymn - CH 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his
grace, I'll cast on him my every
care, and wait for thee, sweet hour
of prayer!

A group of children, likely from a developing region, are smiling and making peace signs. The children are of various ethnicities and are dressed in simple, worn clothing. The background is a reddish-brown wall. The text is overlaid in a bright green color.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
Jesus Loves Me

FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-

James 4:3 & 7-8^(NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-

James 4:3 & 7-8^(NIV)

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¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-

James 4:3 & 7-8^(NIV)

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¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-

James 4:3 & 7-8^(NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-

James 4:3 & 7-8^(NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

FIRST READING: JAMES 4:7-8 (NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

SECOND READING: MARK 9:30-37 (NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”

SECOND READING: MARK 9:30-37 (NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

SECOND READING: MARK 9:30-37 (NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

SECOND READING: MARK 9:30-37 (NIV)

Read by Ronan Le Bras

37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 54

Read by Pastor Neil Parker

¹ Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might. ² Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. ³ Arrogant foes are attacking me; ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God. ⁴ Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 54

Read by Pastor Neil Parker

⁵ Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.

⁶ I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is
good. ⁷ You have delivered me from all my
troubles, and my eyes have looked in
triumph on my foes.

CHOIR

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

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SERMON: THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT IN CHURCH



RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 530

I've Got Peace Like a River

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 530

I've Got Peace Like a River

2 I 've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 530

I've Got Peace Like a River

3 've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul



OFFERING

Andrea Schneider, Organ



Photo by Kitty McKinsey

DOXOLOGY - CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below; praise
him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLOSING HYMN - CH 677

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it
begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace
that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect
harmony.

CLOSING HYMN - CH 677

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let peace begin with me; let this be the
moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my
solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each
moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it
begin with me.

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world,

help me to see the sacrament

in the wearing of this cloth -

let it be "an outward sign

of an inward grace" -

a tangible and visible way of living

love for my neighbours,

as I love myself.

Christ,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my
voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.

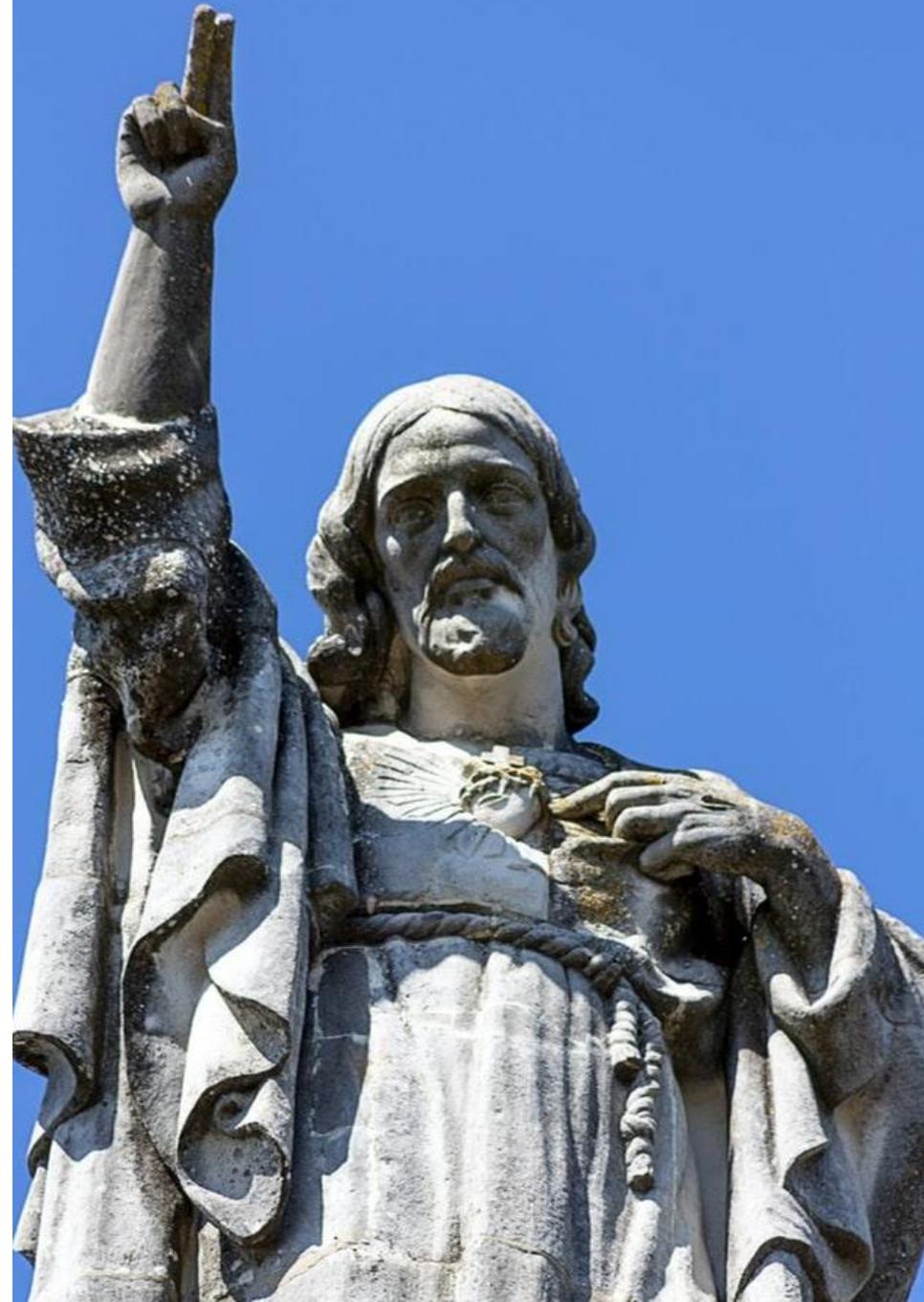
May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so. May it be so.

BLESSING

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God



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Postlude

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