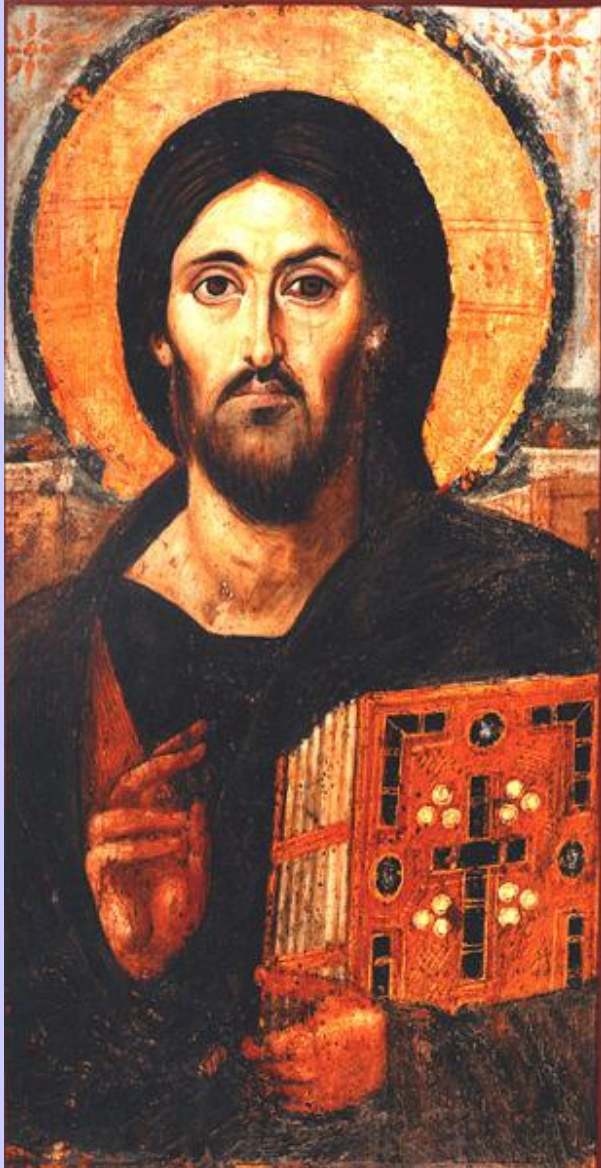


Facing the Image



Formed in the image and likeness of God,
We rejoice;
Fired by violence and facing away,
We recoil;
Defaced, despairing, curved in on ourselves,
We cry;
Remaking, repairing, curved into the world,
You come, the Image of God.

With compassion, forgiveness, restoring the image,
You heal;
With powerfully piercing, incisive insight,
You teach;
With passion and proverb and practical story,
You preach.

Facing Jerusalem, challenging temple,
You suffer;
Surfacing from the depths of death,
You're raised;
Infusing, renewing, the image refacing,
You pour out the fiery Spirit of God.

Being transfigured into your likeness,
From glory to glory;
With unveiled face, we face God's Image,
Reflecting the light of the knowledge of God
Seen in your face,
Jesus our Lord.

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