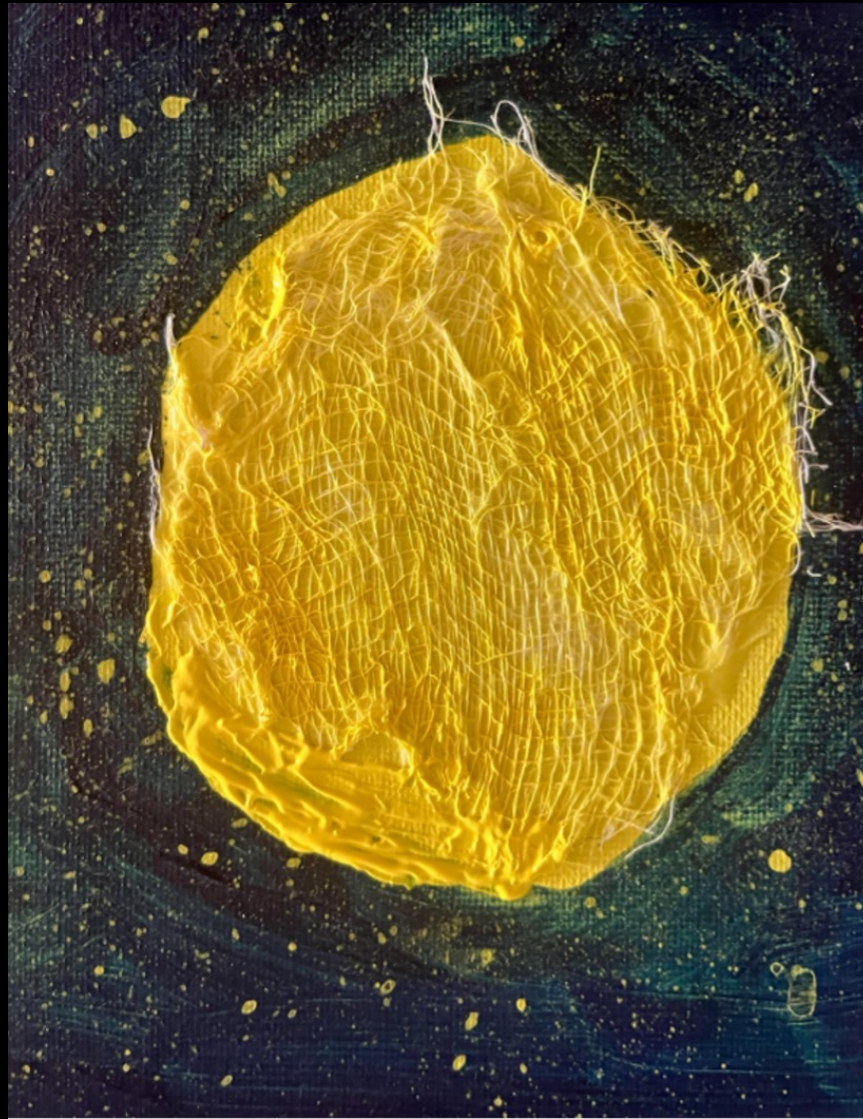


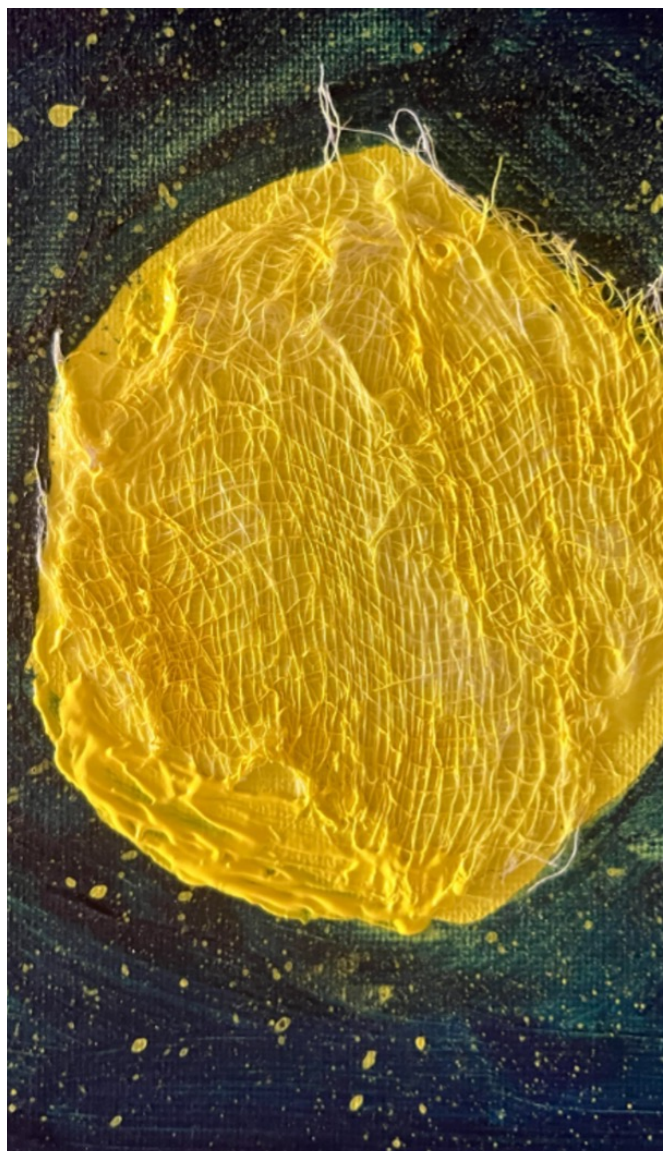
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**GATHERING**

**ENTRANCE**



Prelude



## **REFLECTION**

We are the vessels of God's voice, her words blowing through us, bidding us to tell the tales that only we can speak.

Jan L. Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path*, p. 83

## **CANDLE LIGHTING**



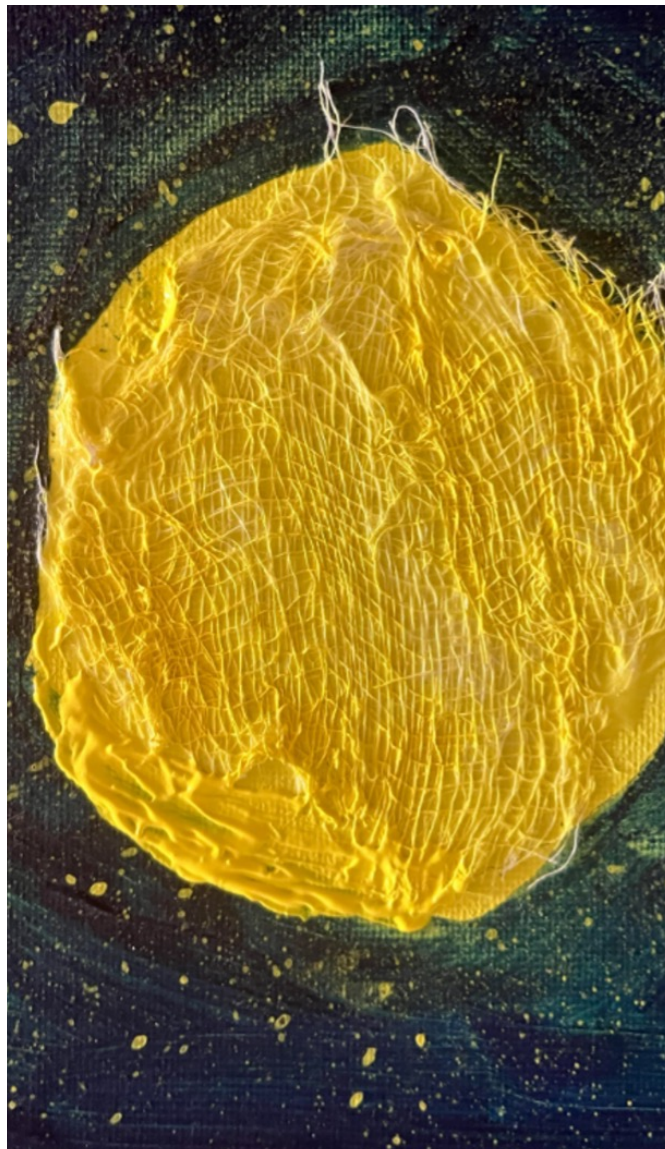
## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A wind breathes among us,  
calling us to gather  
in the name of the Holy One.

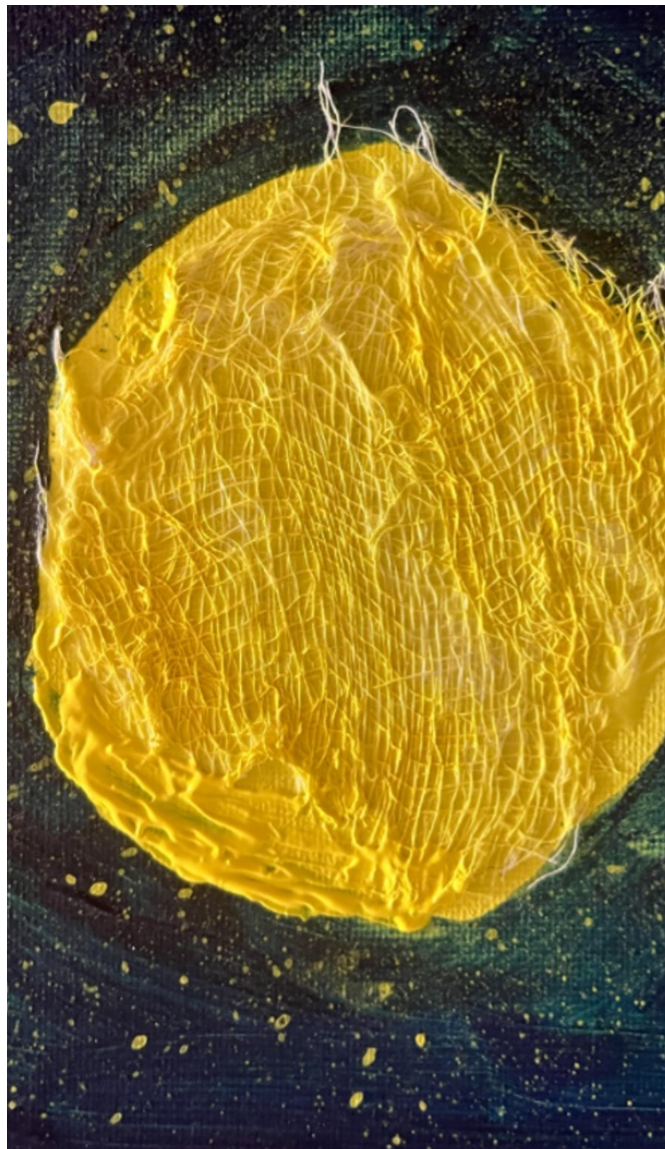
People: A fire burns within us,  
calling us to service,  
calling us to prayer.

Leader: A spirit moves around us,  
calling us to turn with compassion  
toward the sorrows of the world.

All: Burning, breathing Spirit,  
we bring our lives to you.



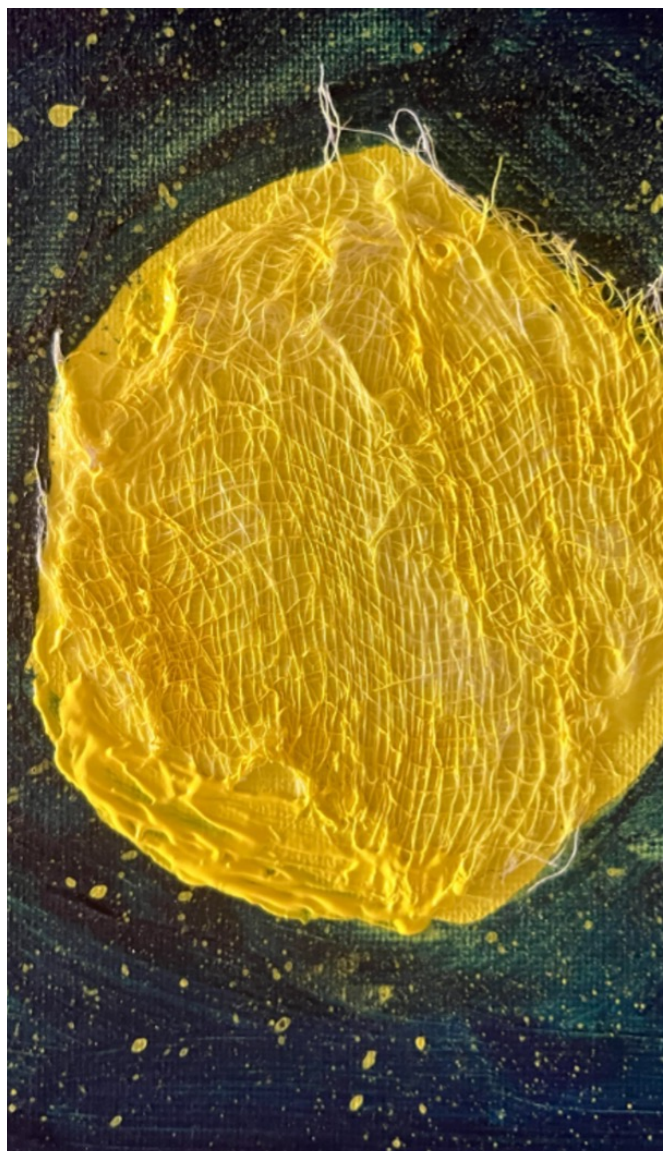
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## **PRAYERS**

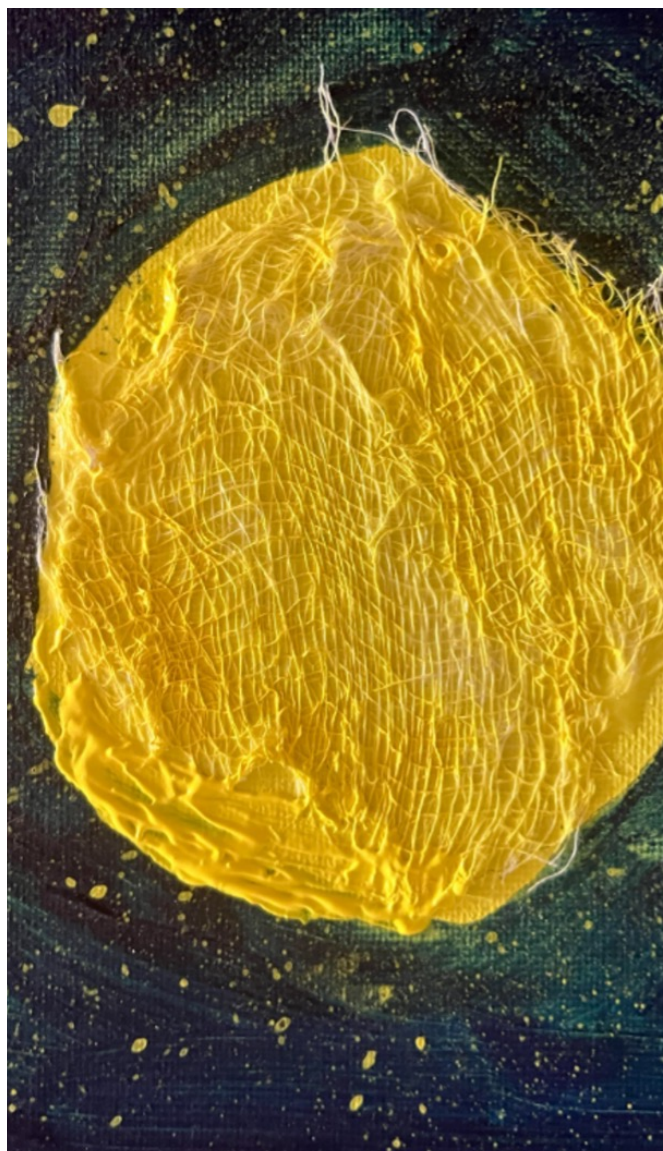
### **CONFESSION**

Leader: We turn away  
from the wind of the Spirit  
afraid to know our deepest desire.

People: We hide from our longing,  
fearing to hear the voice of God.

Leader: We turn away  
from the light of Christ  
afraid to feel it burning within us.

All: We run from our calling,  
fearing to see a hurting world.  
We turn away  
from the touch of God,  
unwilling to trust this healing fire.

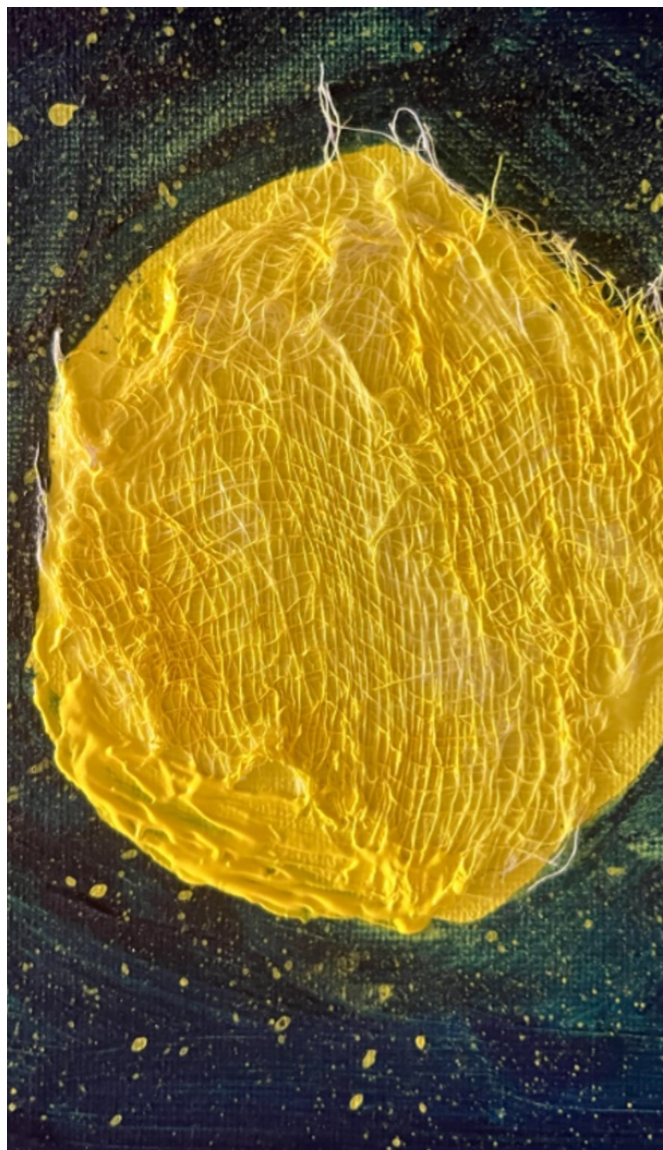


## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE

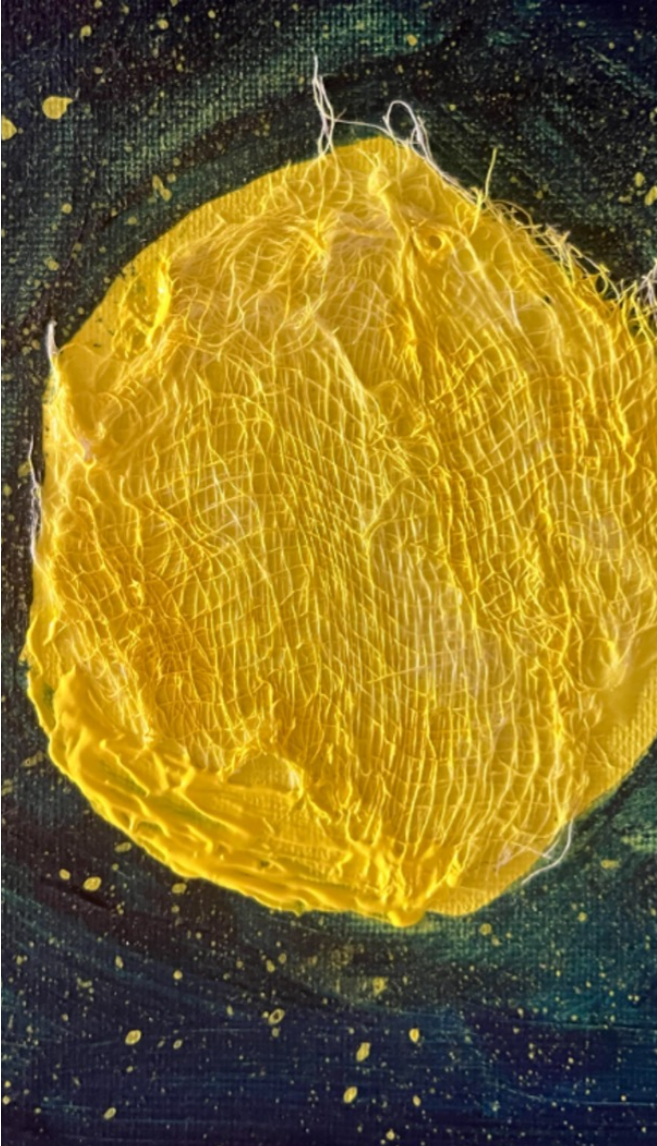
Leader: In a rush of wind,  
the Spirit burns away our fears,  
freeing us to carry the light of Christ  
into the world.

All: Amen.



THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

INTERCESSION AND PETITION



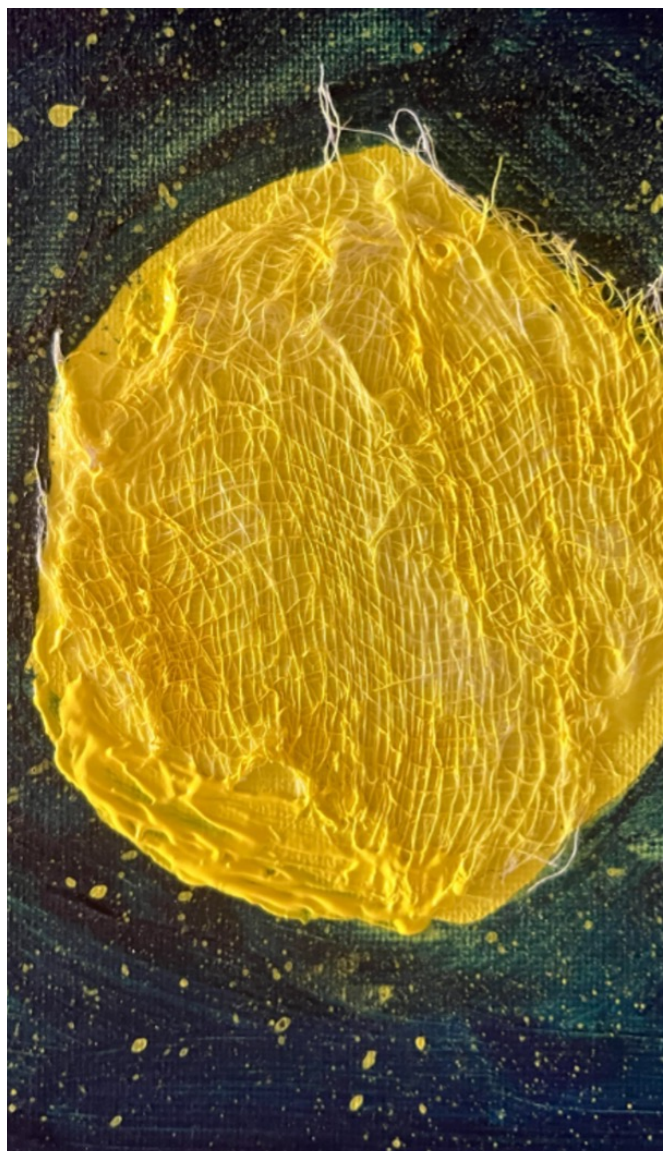
## COMMITMENT

All: O Holy One, we come today  
to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment  
to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others  
here and in the wider world.

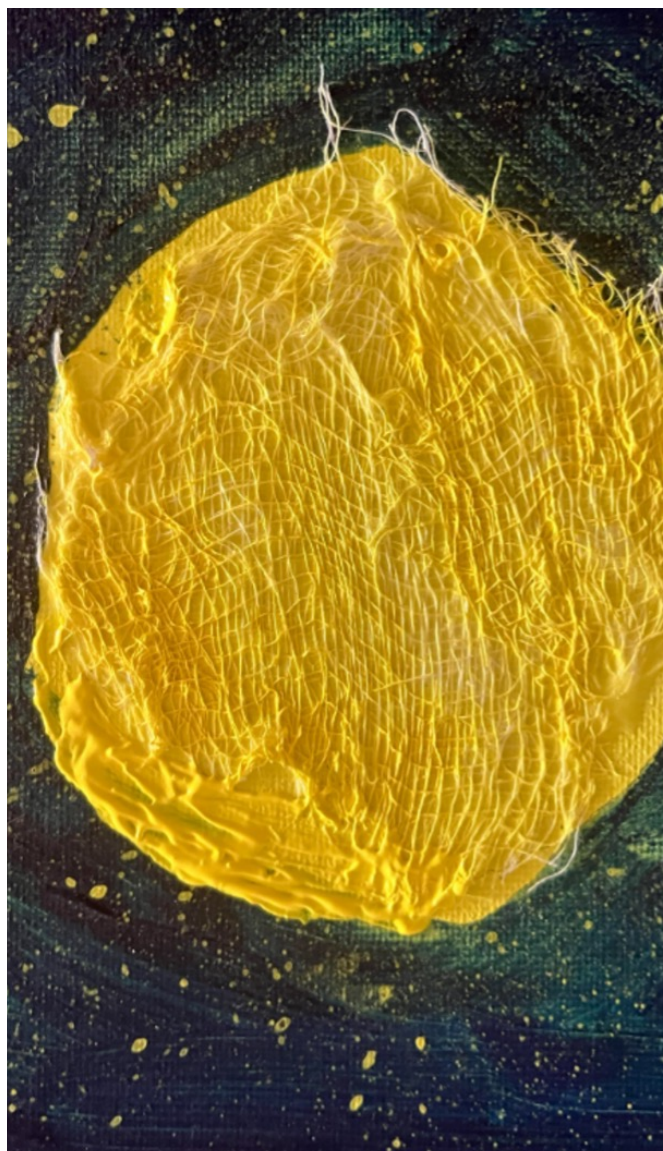
Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted,  
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

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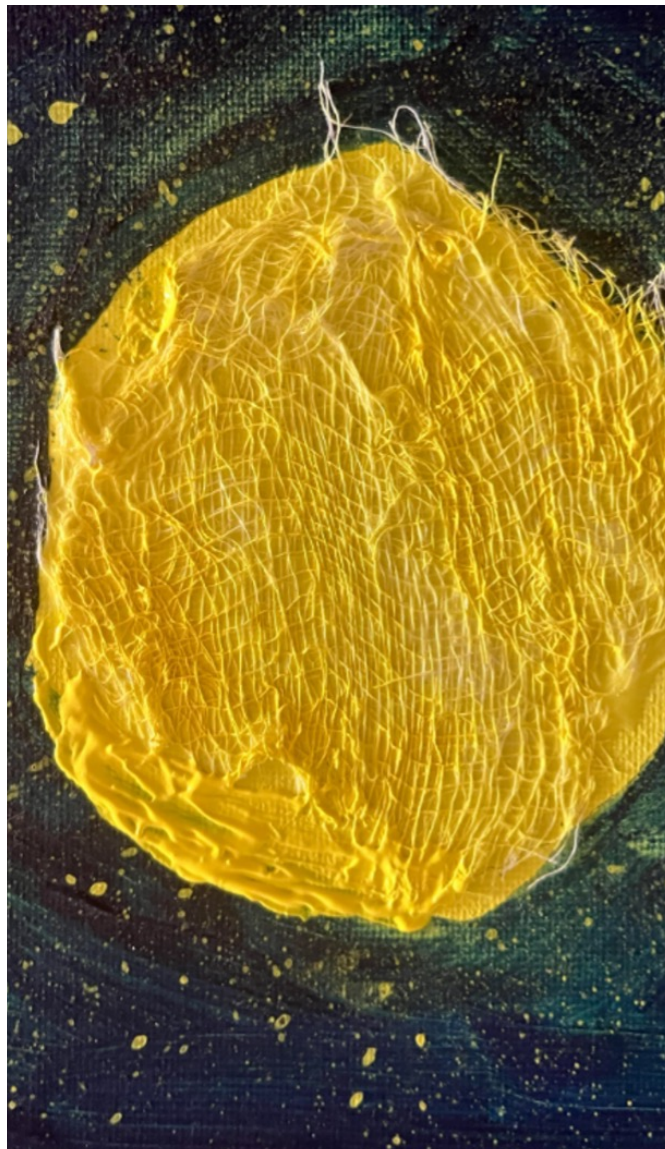
Give us strength and discipline  
to nurture our relationship with you;  
to care for every part of your creation;  
to foster justice  
and be in solidarity with those in need;  
to work to end all war,  
and violence, and discord;  
and to respond joyfully when you call,  
freely giving our selves as you have shown  
the way.

We open our hearts to you and your creation  
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.  
Amen.



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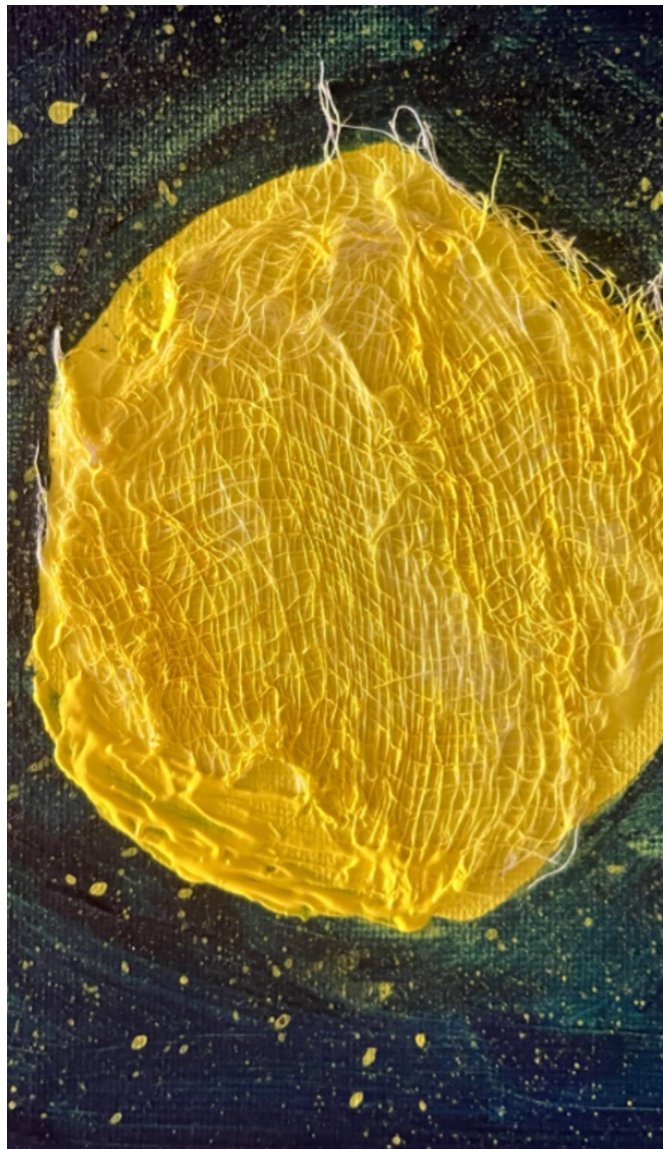
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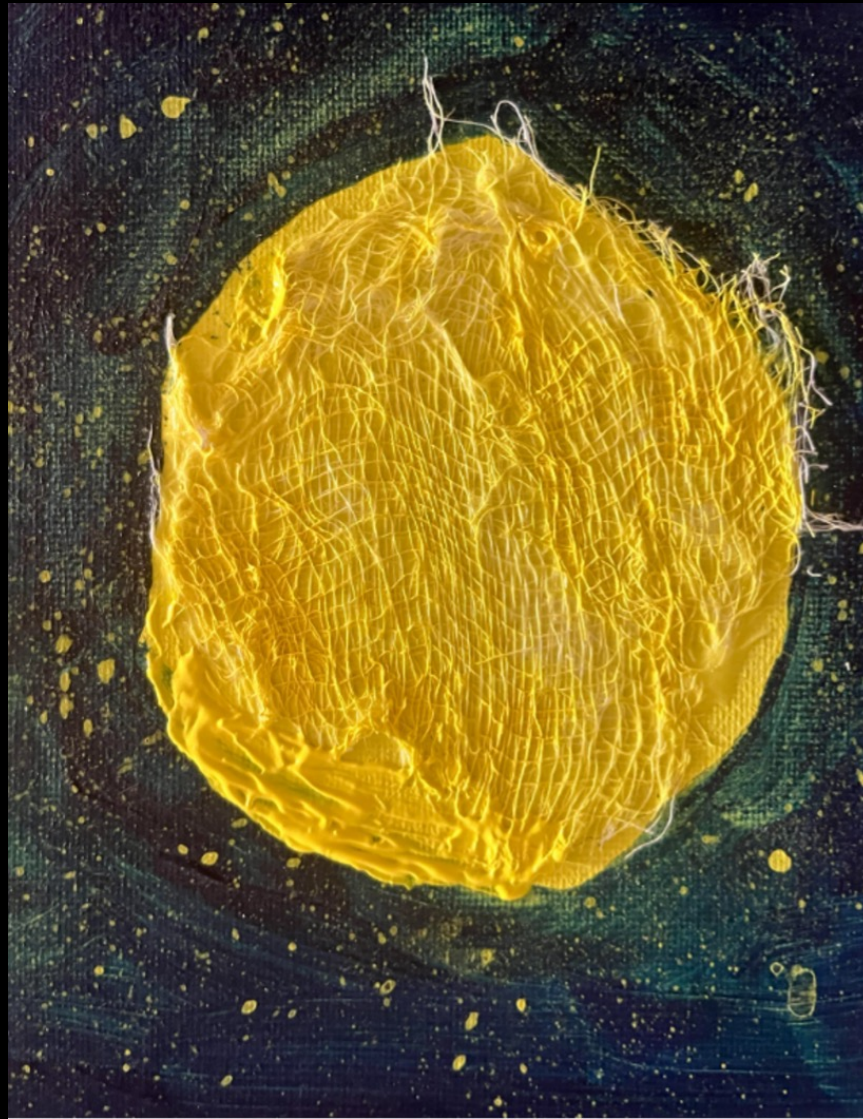
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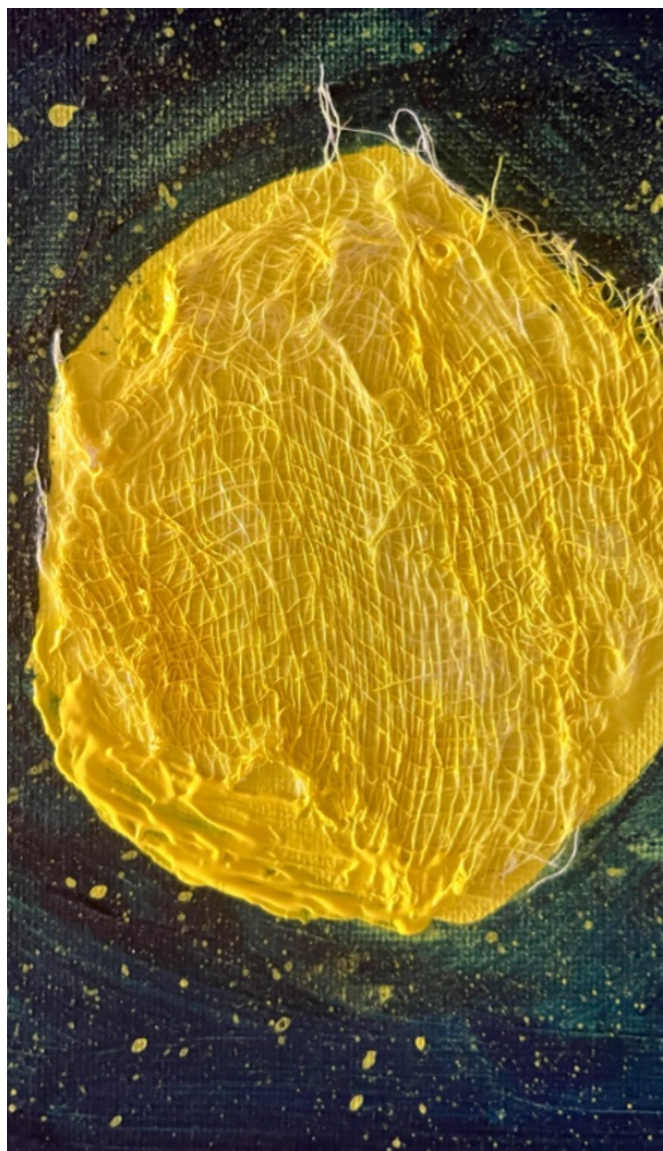
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**THE WORD**  
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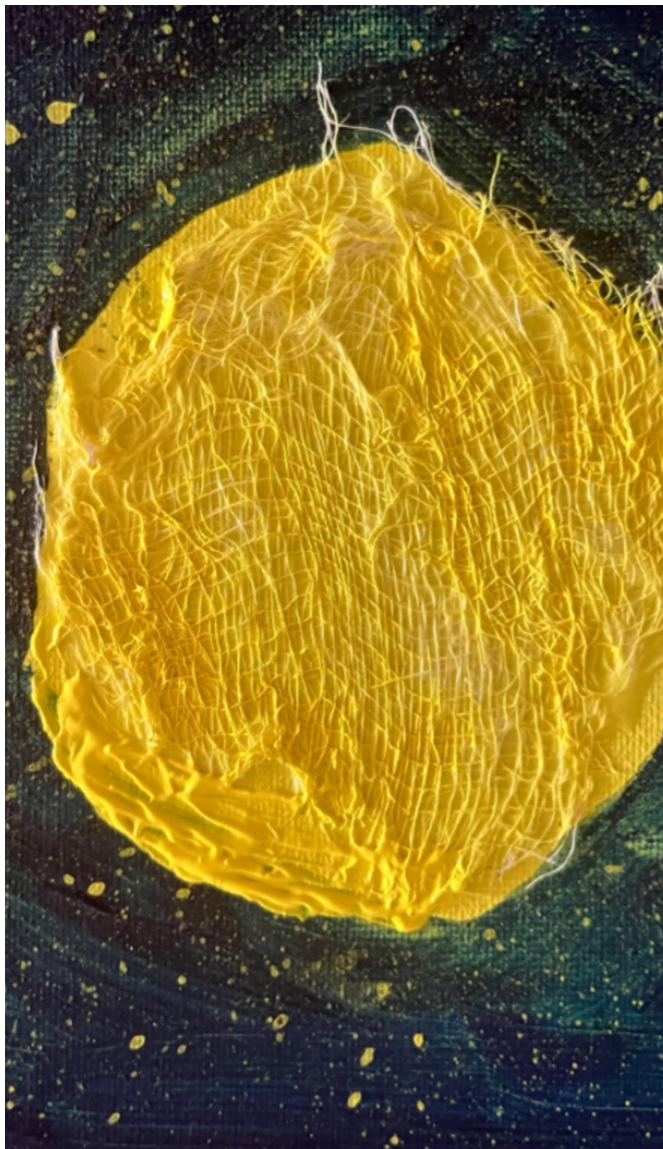


## **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Leader 1: This is the table  
of the heavenly feast,  
the joyful celebration  
of the people of God.

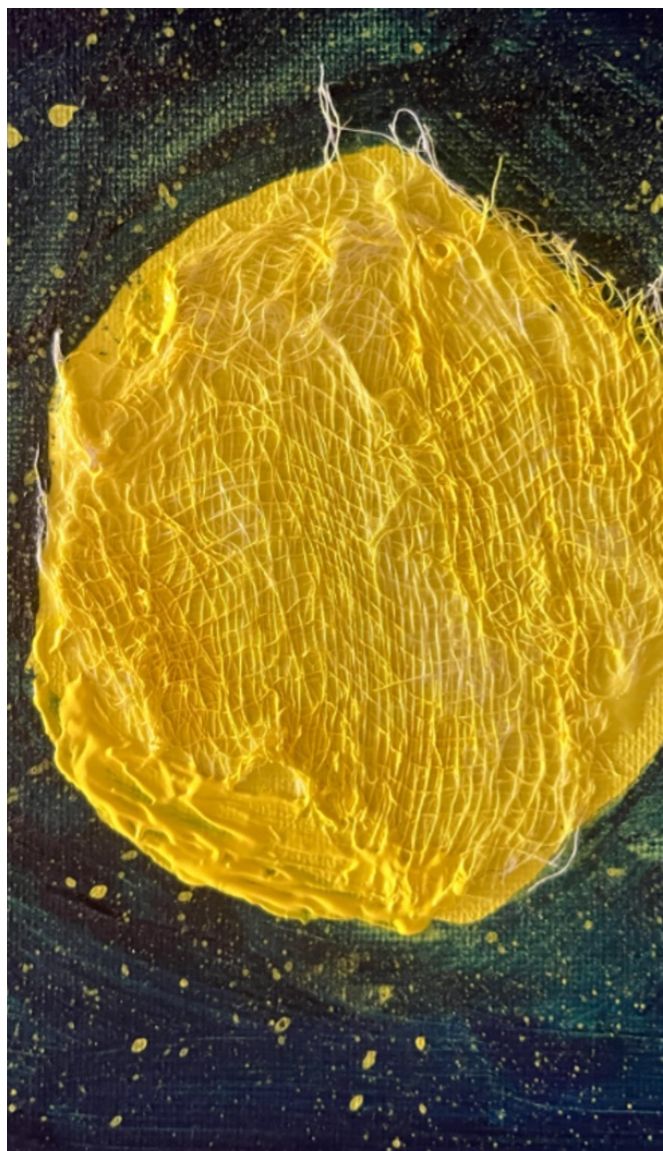
Leader 2: We gather now as one body,  
joined around the table.  
Here we celebrate  
God's presence among us,  
united in Christ's spirit,  
broken and whole all at once.

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All: Nourished and hungry,  
loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven,  
we make one circle  
of knowing, believing,  
rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

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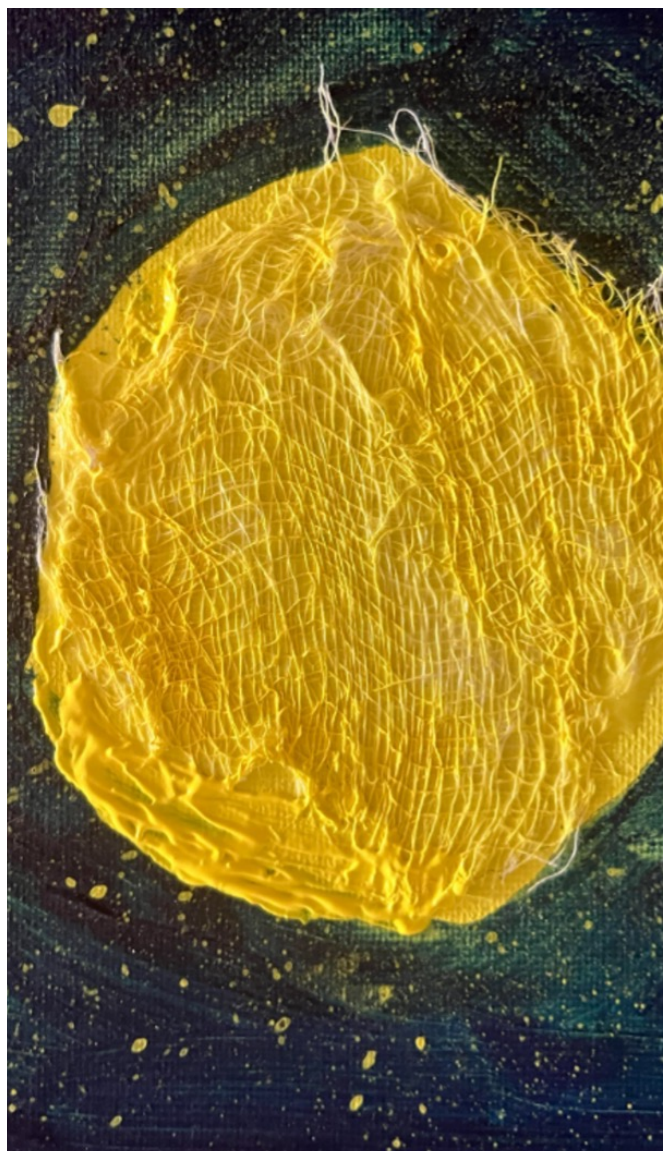


## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: Holy God  
of deep caring and faithfulness,  
we give thanks  
for your perfect love  
that strengthens us  
to shed our fear.

People: We give you thanks  
for the resurrected Christ,  
who promises  
renewal and new life  
for us and for our world.

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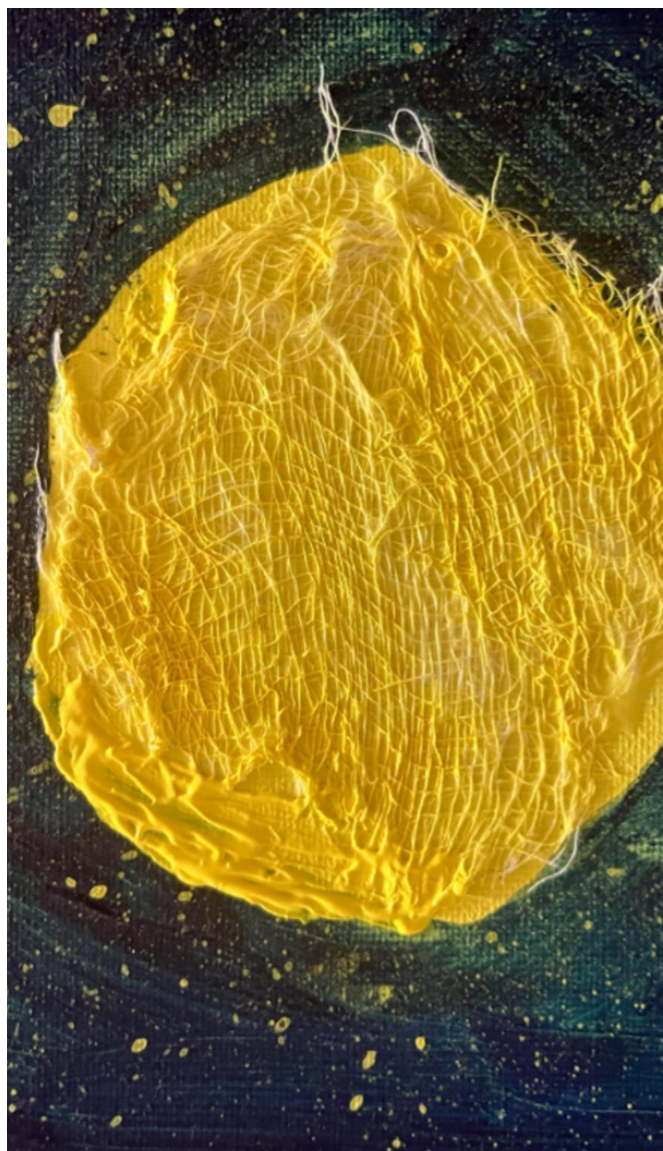


## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 2: We give you thanks  
for your Holy Spirit,  
who fans the small, steady  
flame of our faith  
into bold new life  
in the light of that Easter dawn.

All: We give you thanks  
for your Holy Church,  
where we are challenged to embody  
love and faithfulness.

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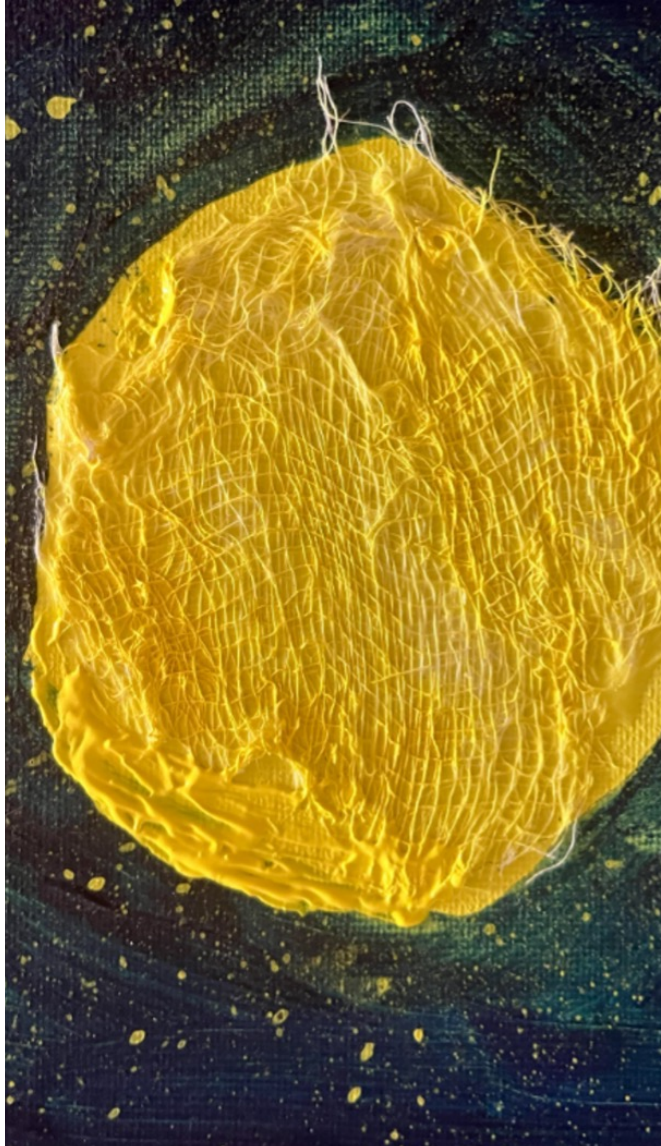


## BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone  
to eat the bread of life  
to drink the cup  
of the new covenant

Leader 2: Jesus said,  
I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me  
shall never hunger;  
you who believe in me  
shall never thirst.

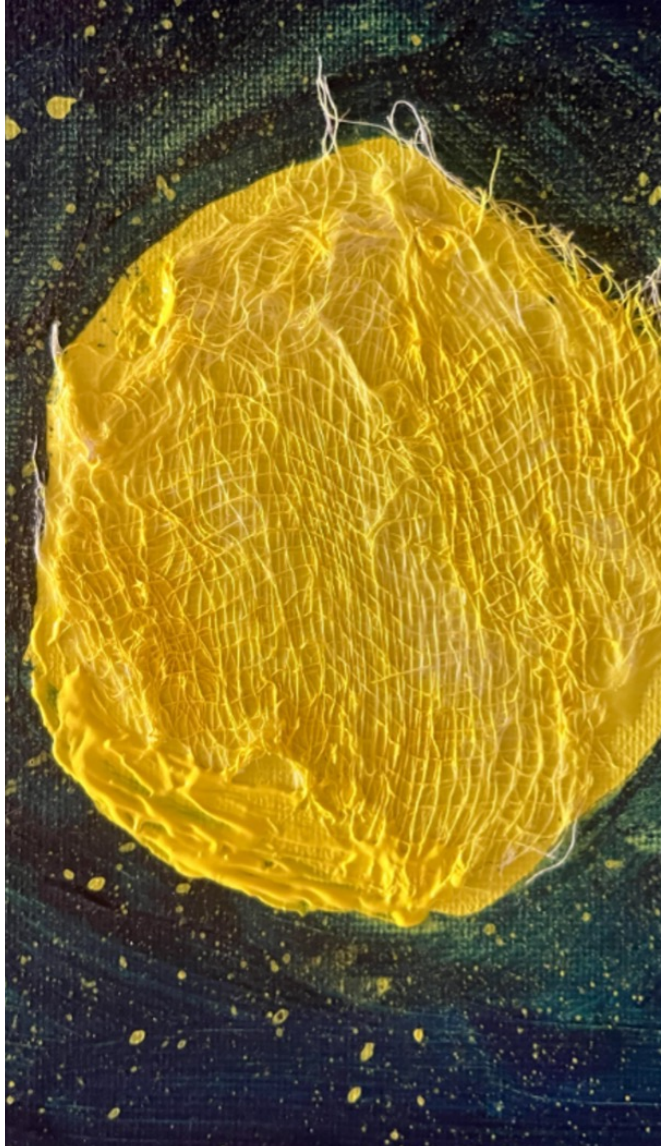
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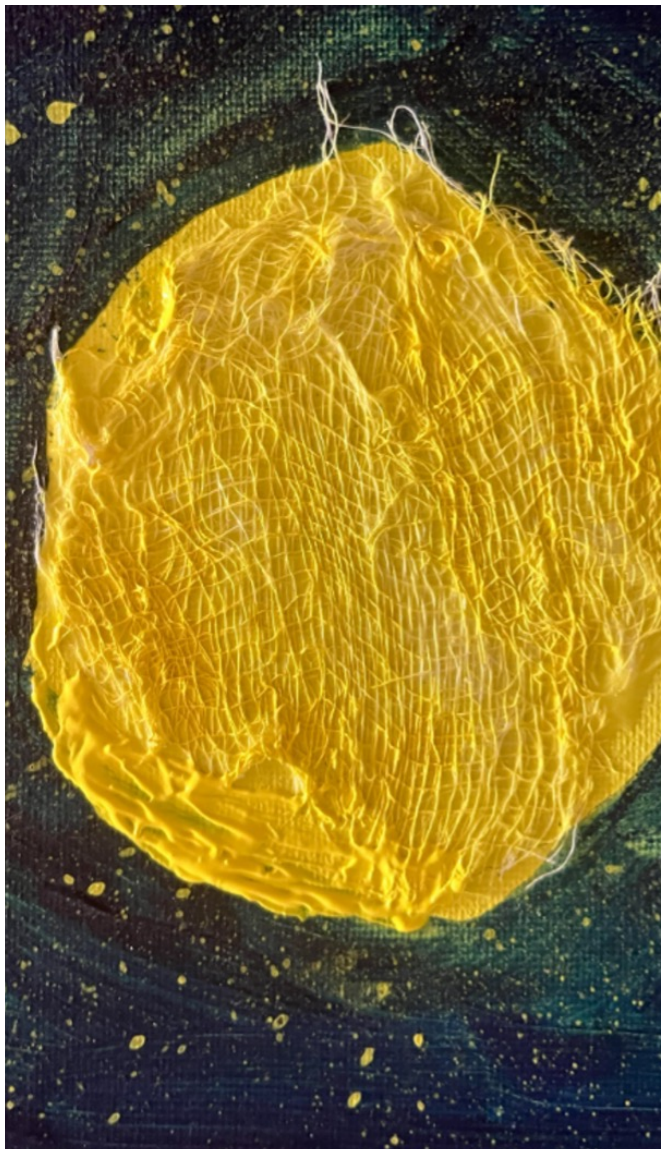
Leader 1: On the night  
he gave himself up,  
Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God,  
broke it and said,  
This is my body,  
broken for the  
healing of the world.  
Whenever you eat it,  
do so remembering me.

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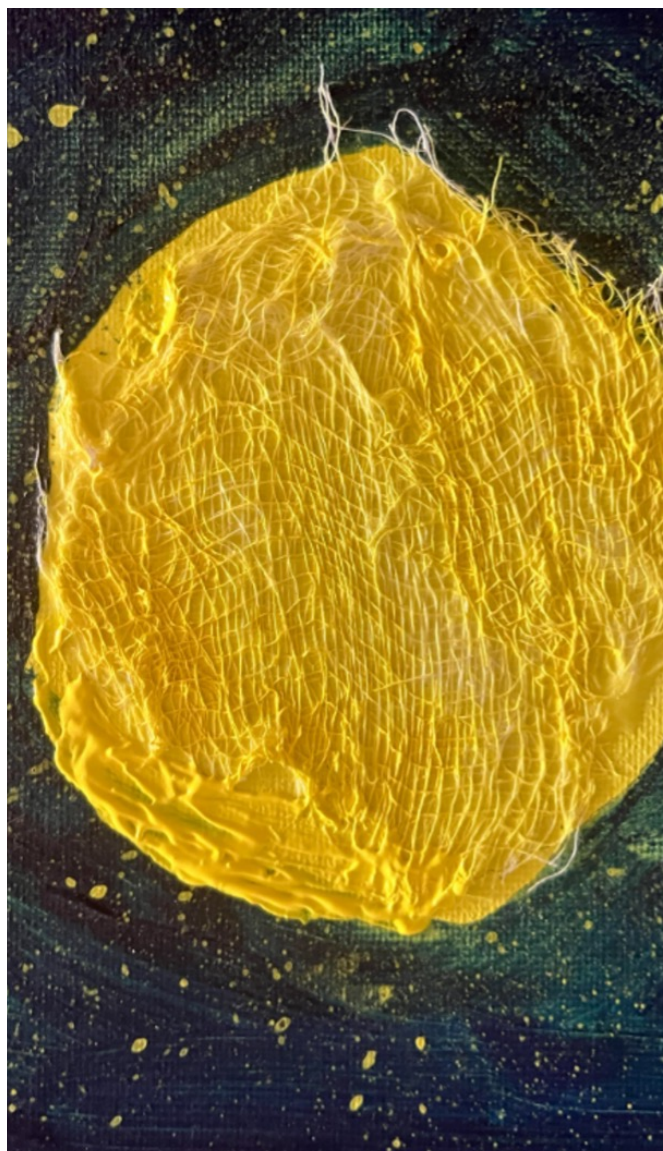
Leader 2: After supper,  
Jesus took the cup and said,  
This is the cup  
of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for all.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do so remembering me.

*(Communion continues on next slide)*



All: O Holy One, send down your Spirit  
that these gifts of grain and grape,  
and work of human hands  
may be for us  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Unite us with Christ forever  
and bring us with the whole creation  
to your eternal realm.

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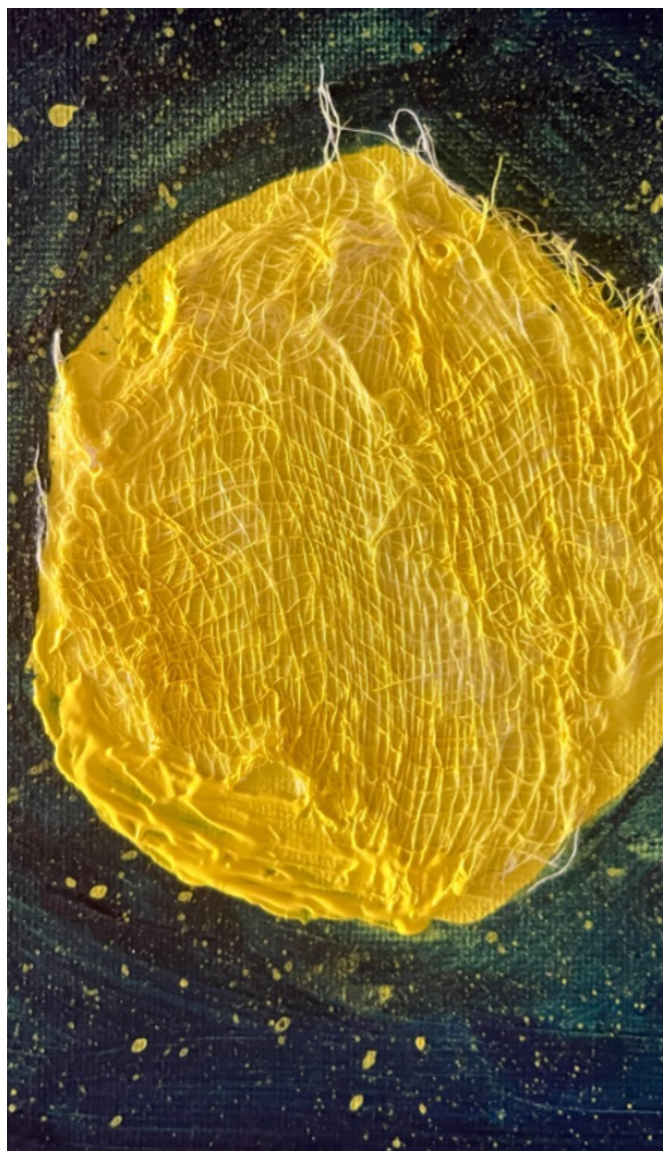


## SHARE THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: The body of Christ  
is broken for all.  
Feed on Christ in your hearts  
with thanksgiving.

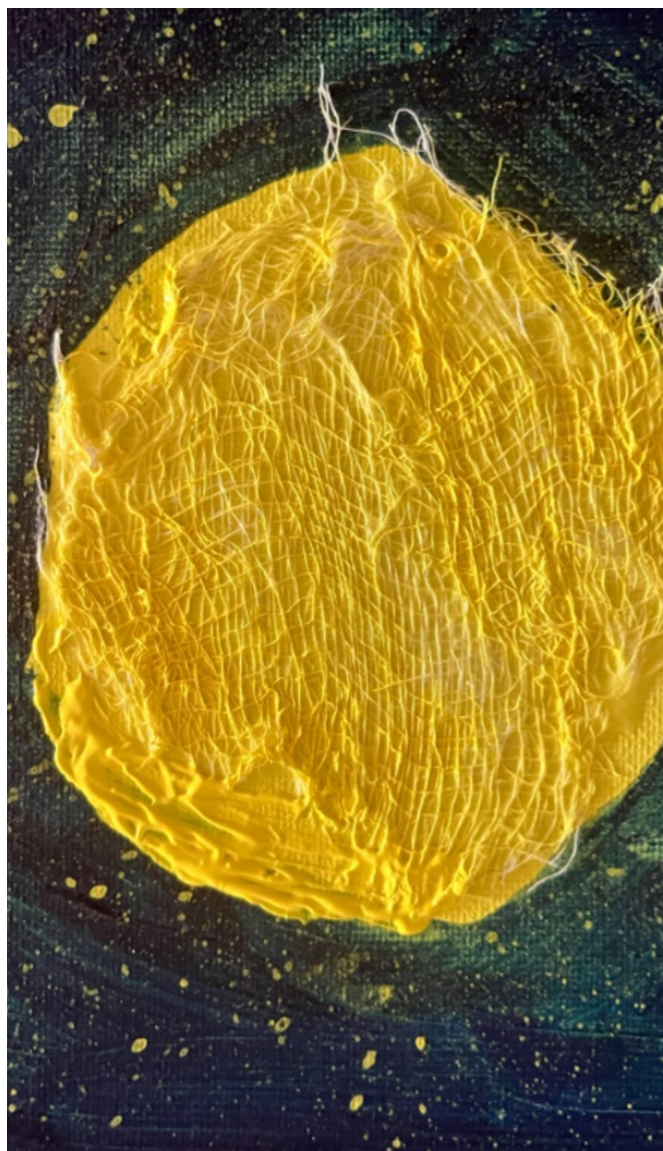
Leader 2: The cup of the new covenant,  
poured out  
for the healing of the world.  
Drink deeply of it.

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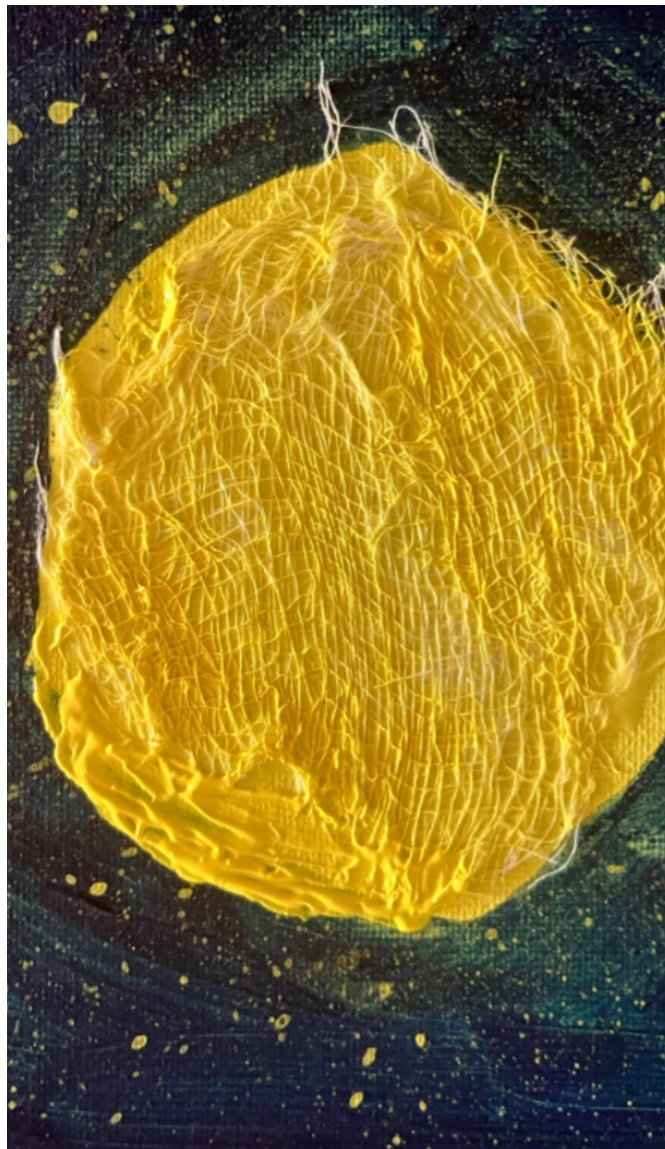
## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy,  
we give joyful thanks  
for your eternal love  
and healing presence  
in our celebration of bread and cup.  
Bless this Body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully  
to our call to be your servants,  
with each other  
and throughout the world. Amen.



# **SHARED REFLECTIONS**

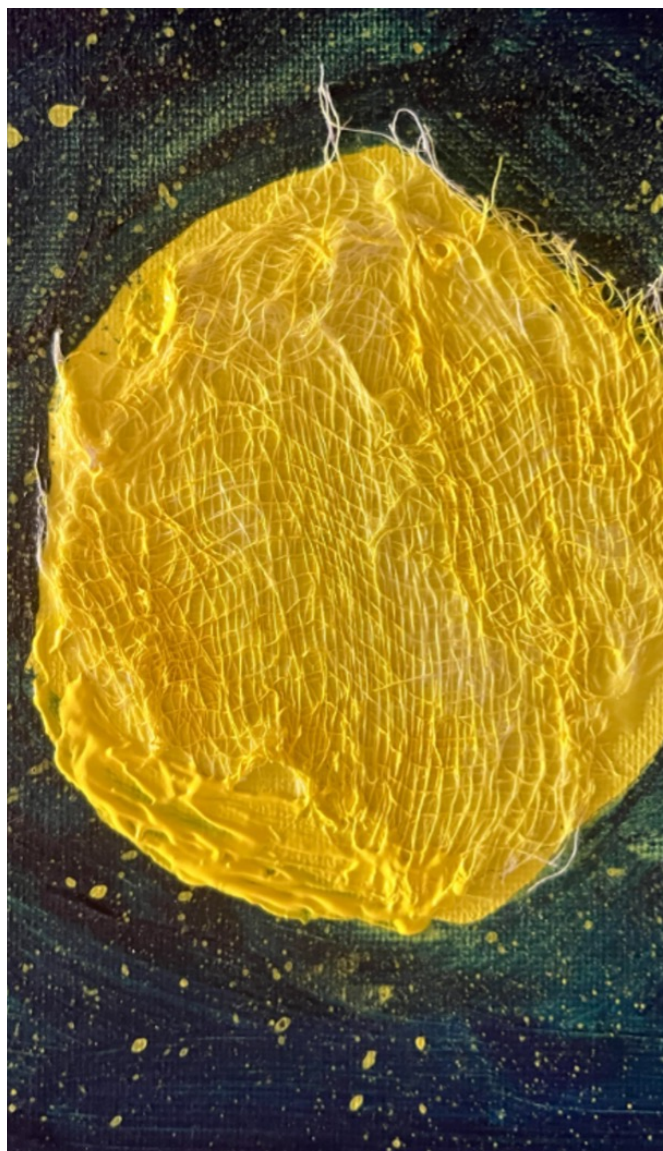
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## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: God of all creation,  
let your bright, intoxicating Spirit  
send us out  
to spread your word like fire.

All: Amen.