

Who do
you think you are?

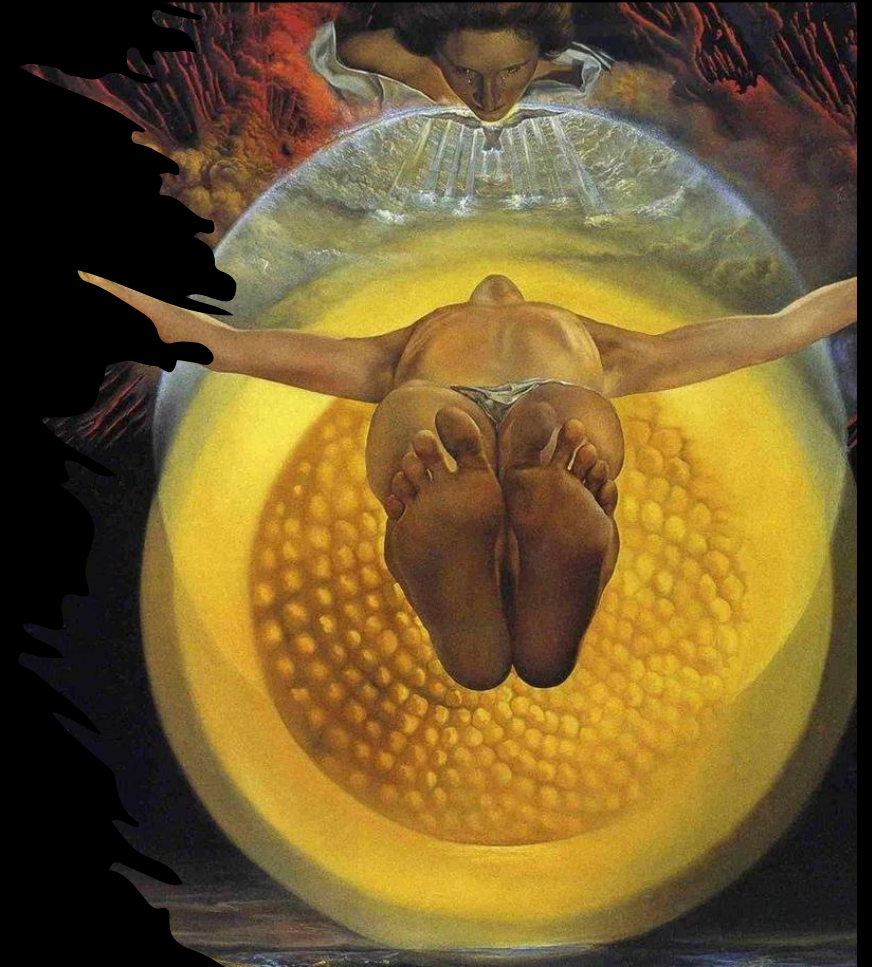




**"The
Ascension of
Christ"
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he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 1:20-23



Jesus Christ: head of the church



The ascended King

Supreme Authority

“When he ascended on high,
he took captivity captive
and gave gifts to his people”

Psalm 68

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

2 May you blow them away like smoke—as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

3 But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

18 When you ascended on high, you took many captives;

you received gifts from people, even from[h] the rebellious—that you,[i] Lord God, might dwell there.

“until he has placed all his enemies under his feet”

(Hebrews 10:12,13).

Christ ascended as priest personal accessibility

“When he ascended on high,
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and gave gifts to his people”

He always lives to make intercession for them. Heb 7:25

Christ ascended in Triumph

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Ascent required Descent

9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)



'He became what we are so that we might become what He is'

Irenaeus of Lyons

School of Fra
Angelico
The Anastasis
(Harrowing of
Hell)



Christ gifted the church

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But to each one of us
grace has been given as
Christ apportioned it.

Lord renew our vision of Jesus as
head, as king, as Lord of our lives
and of this church