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Reflect on that touch
and what it means for
the life of the world...



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Behind the figure is a mountain.



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Jesus was transfigured whilst in prayer on a mountain.



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The gold band speaks of kingship.



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Restored in the Obedience of Jesus.



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Reflect on the paradox of the Cross.



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How one tree can be the place where death and life confront one another.



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How one tree can be the place where death and life confront one another.

Where death gives way to resurrection and eternal life.



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Both hands clasp the staff, all authority on earth and heaven is His.



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Behind the figure is a house, the eternal dwelling place of God.



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"In my father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you..."



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"In my father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you..."

"Those who love me will keep my word and my Father will love them - and I will make my home with them..."



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The figures draw us in, beckoning for us to join them...



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Honouring, deferring and indeed sacrificing together.



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Each person has a staff to denote authority and distinct purpose.

Unity within diversity.
Divine tension in eternal life.



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Team-work, Community
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They are resting, fellowshiping and sharing communion around a Human table.



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They are welcoming us
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It is believed that the original icon had a mirror embedded into the table so you could see your own image reflected there in fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



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Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

The table represents

Creation.

An Altar.

There is a drawer which contains relics from the past - a History of Humanity.



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The goal of the Christian life is to live in the presence of God.

To be invited into full Trinitarian Fellowship.

To find our seat at their table in our shared humanity with Christ and to image God out of this ongoing eternal fellowship where we are accepted and loved and welcomed in as a part of this Trinitarian Family.





We are invited into this fellowship, as imagebearers to take our seat at the table in the Fellowship of the Trinity.



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For more information:

http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/rublevs_icon/rublev.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hEBSu4Xh1w>

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