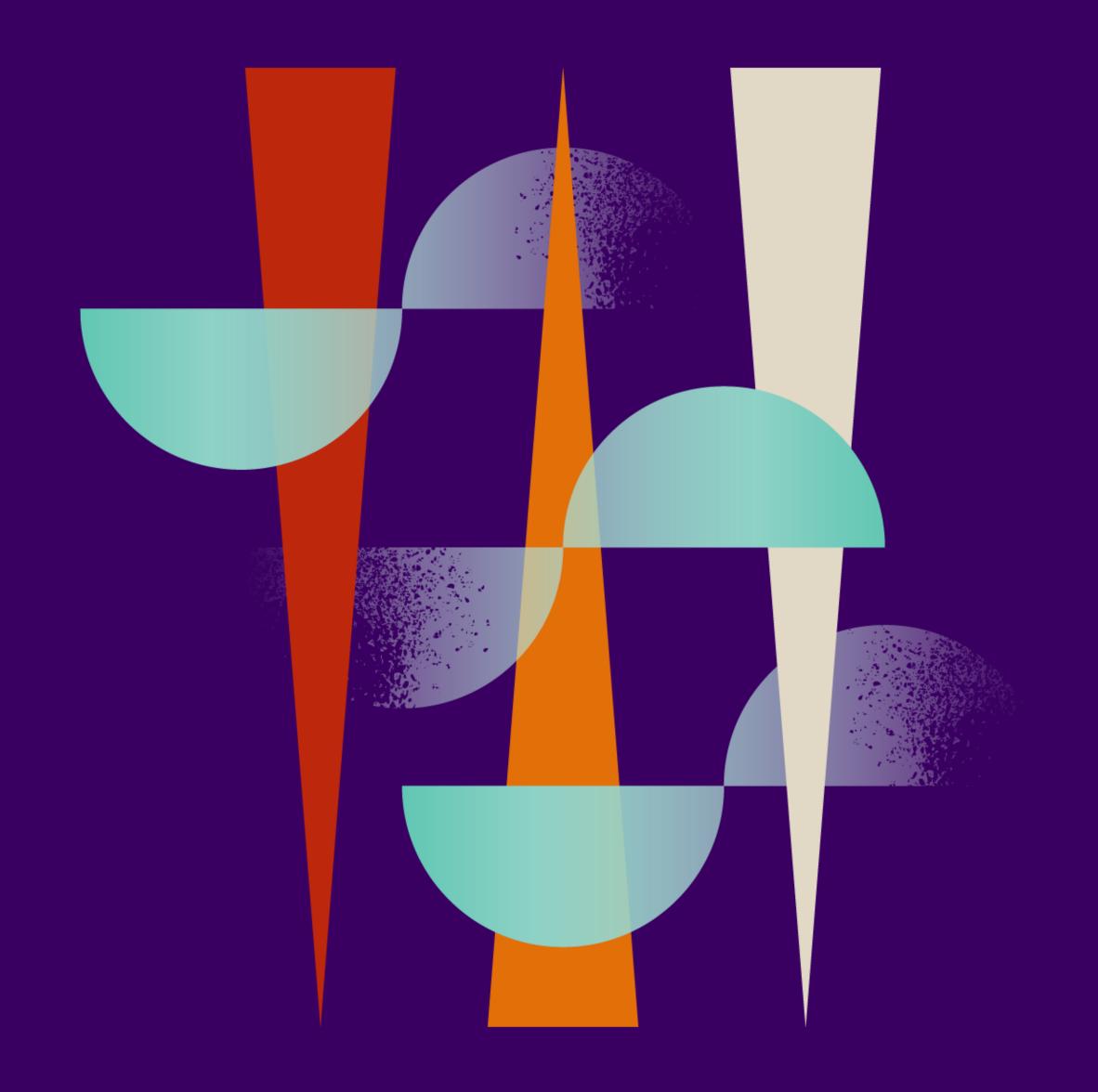
A Liturgical Year

Easter Sunday



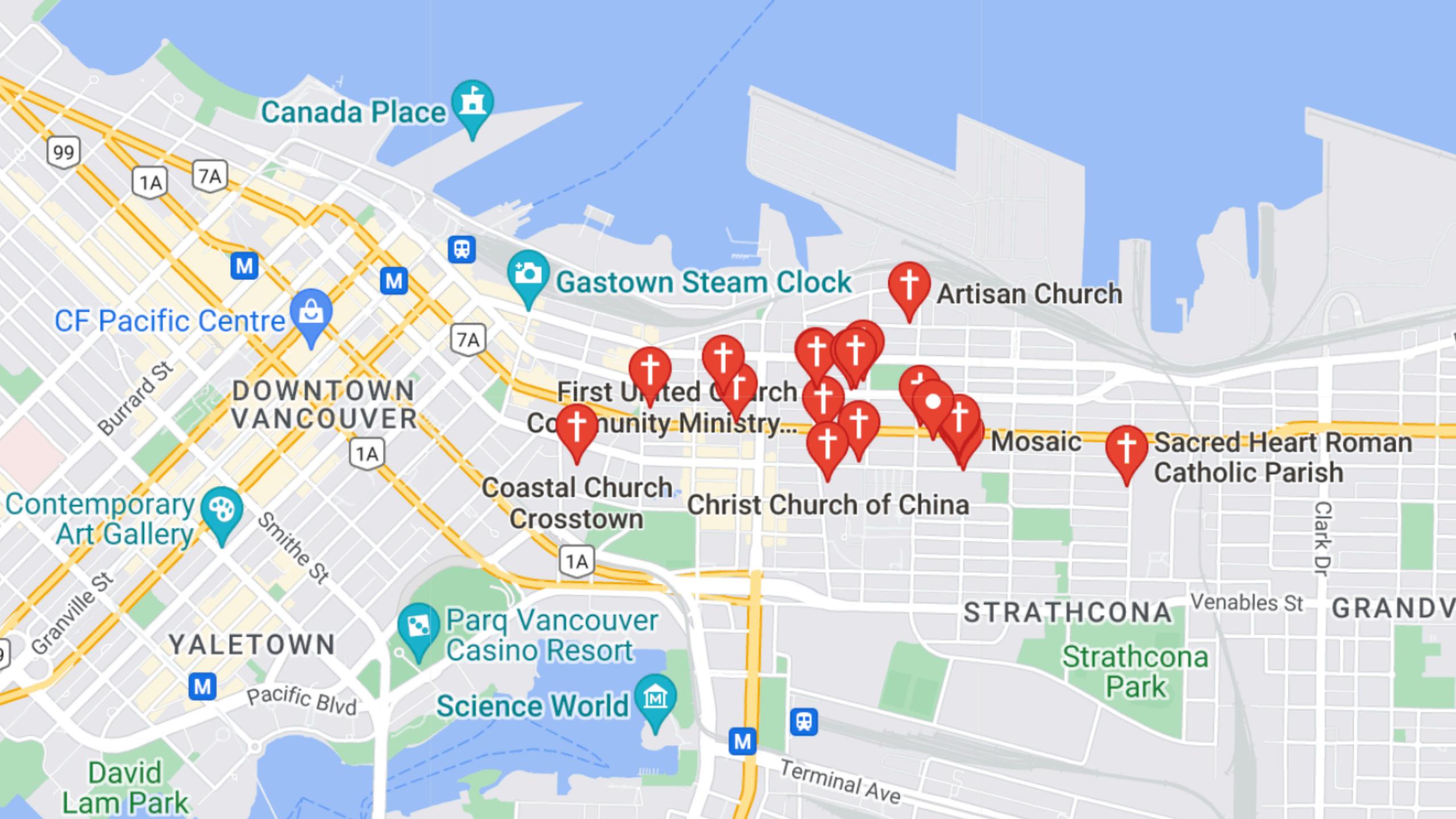






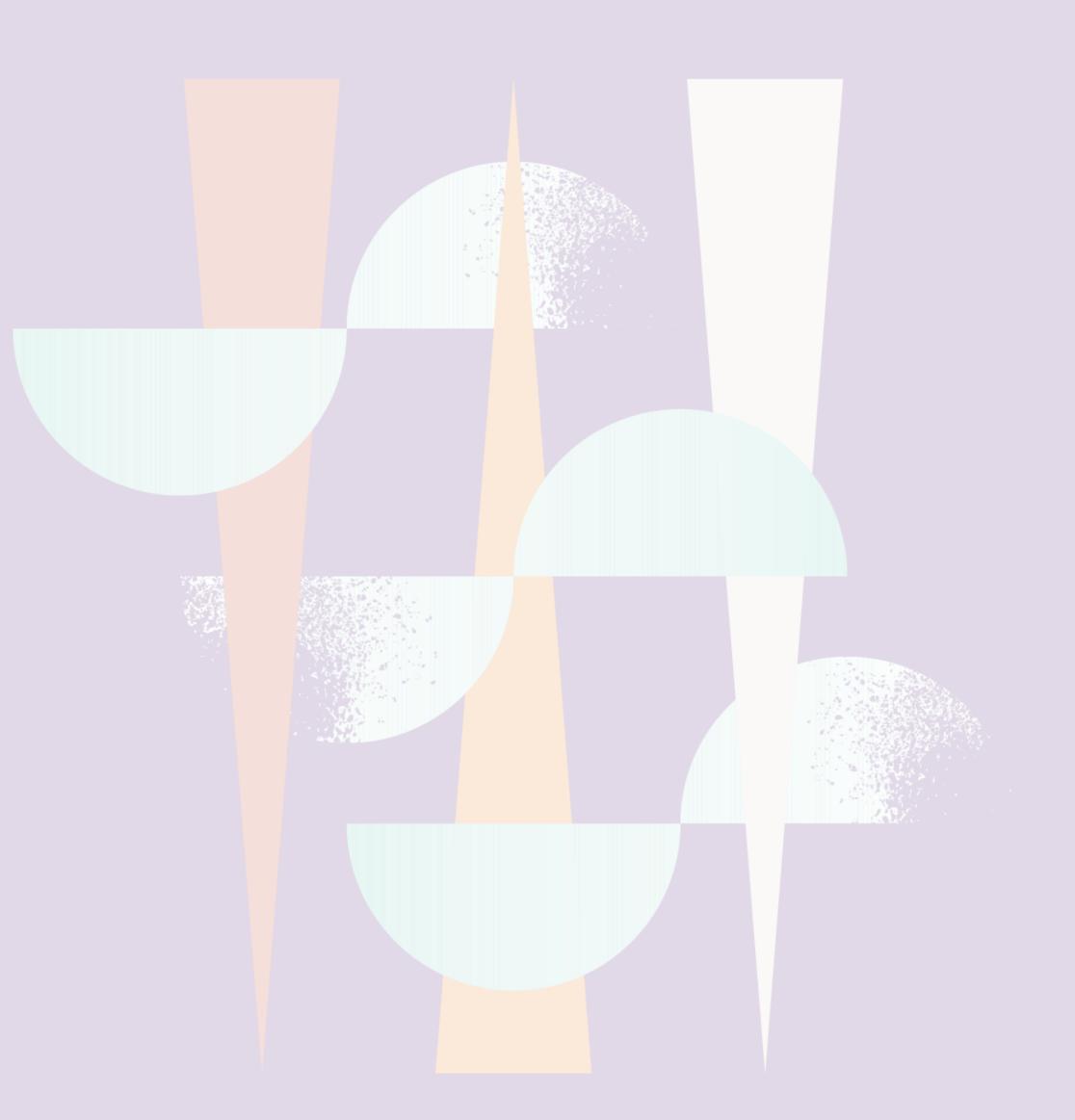








The Apostles Creed



I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, maker of heaven and earth,

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD:

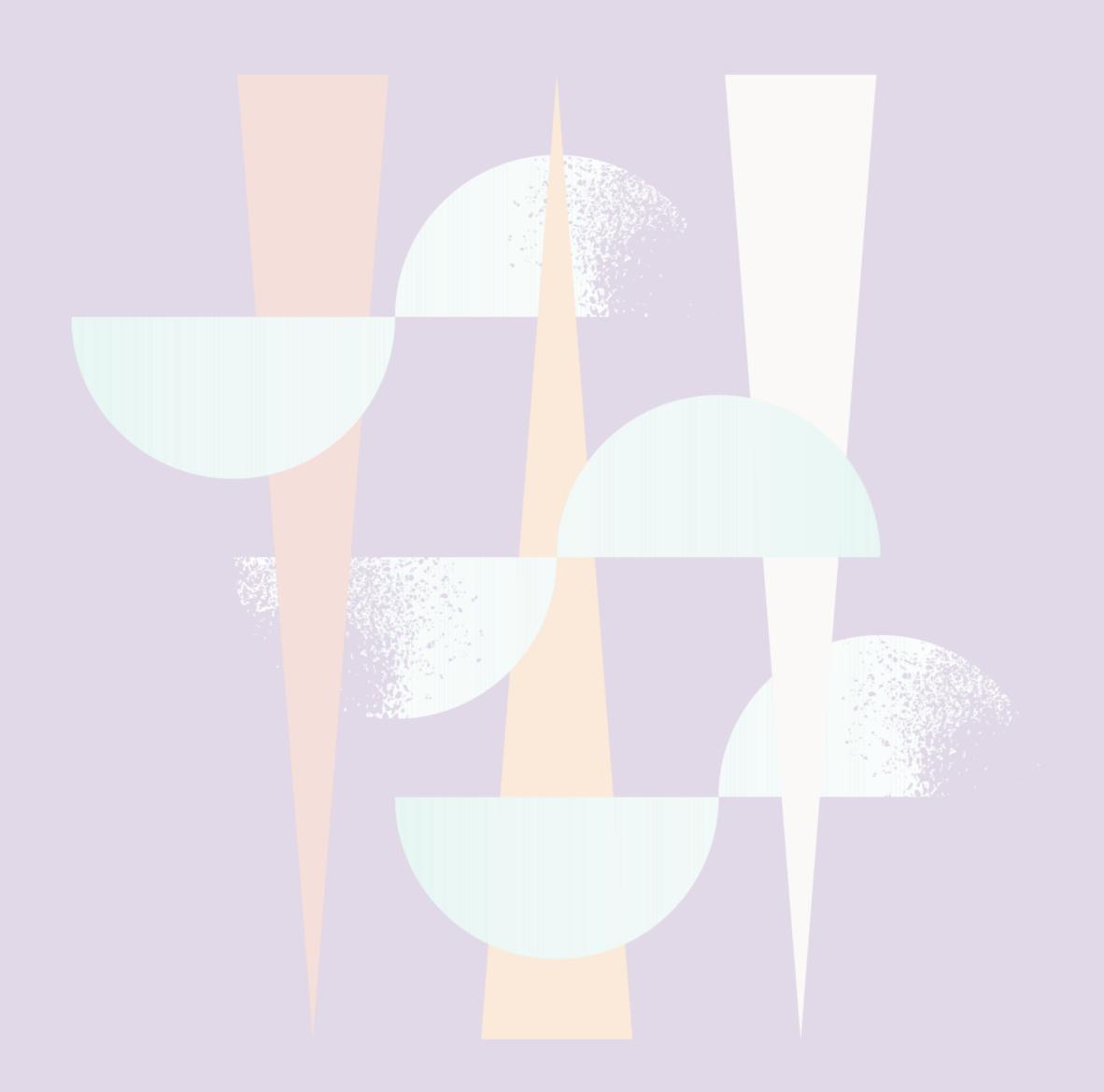
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

Luke 24:1-12

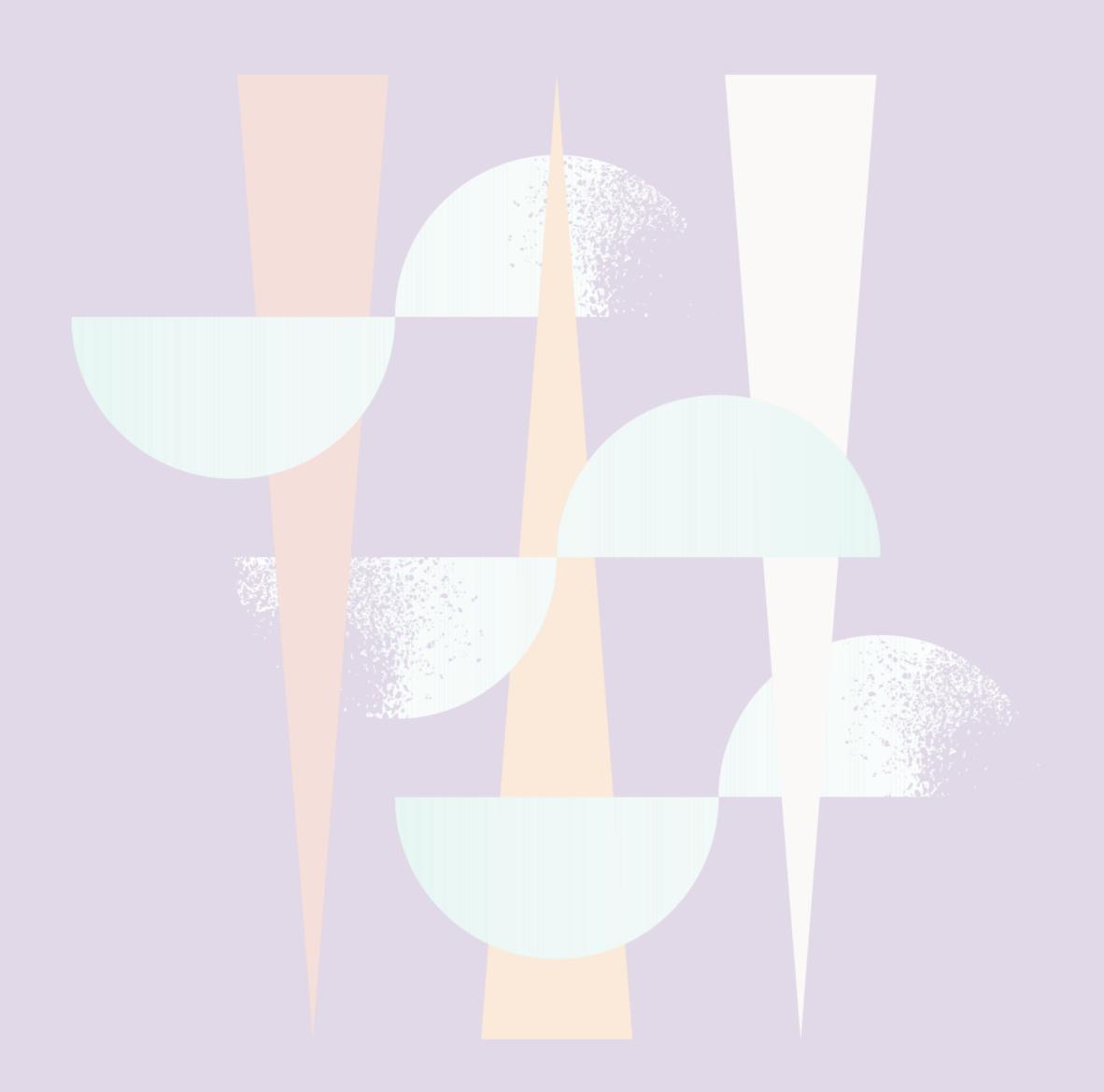




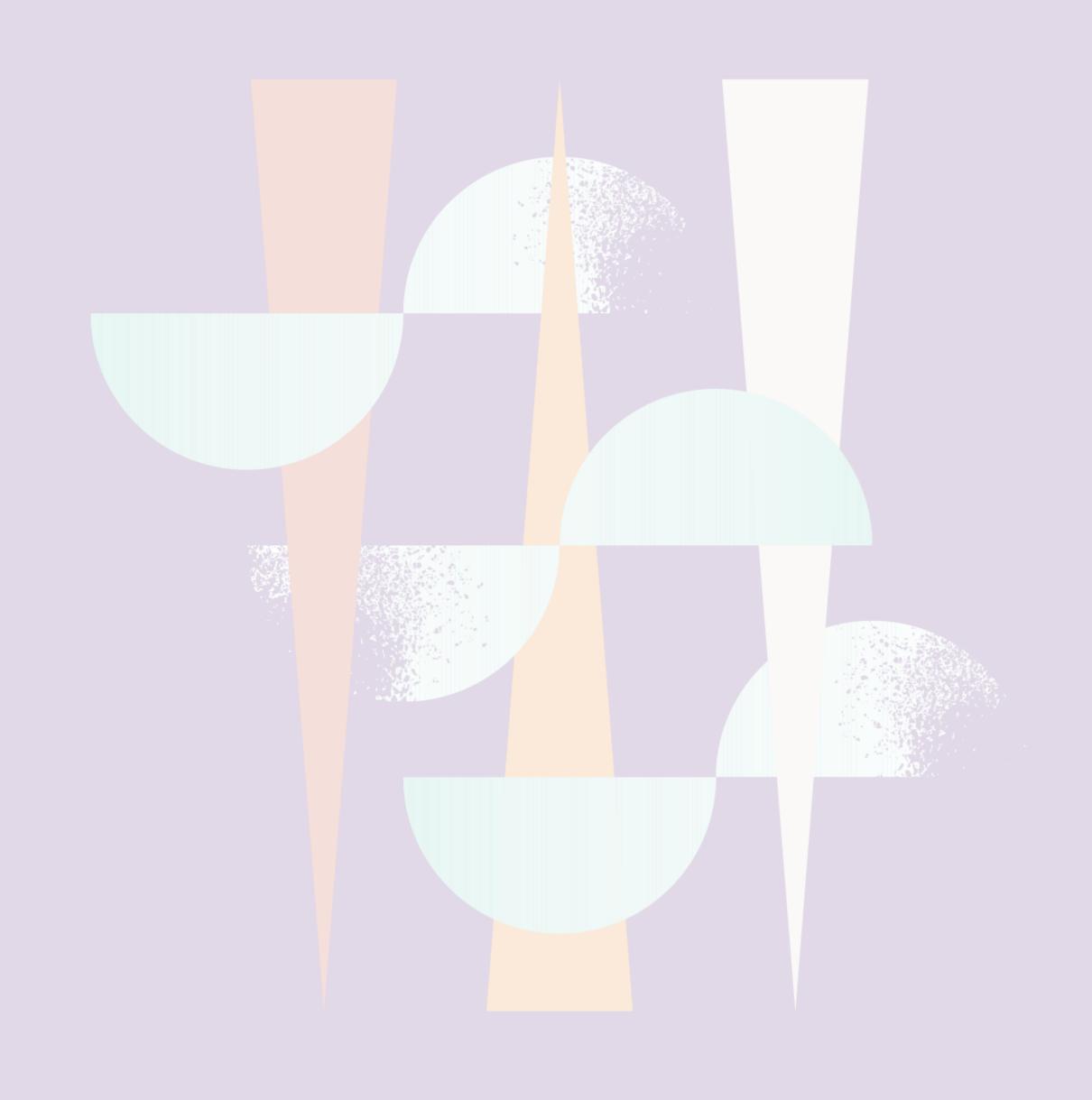


"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you..."

Luke 24:1-12



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"..their words seemed to them like nonsense."

Jesus gives a compass, not a roadmap

hiking fishing praying eating forgiving restoring limbs restoring souls healing blindness... sometimes with mud and spit regularly attending synagogue... sometimes getting kicked out challenging religious leaders more eating... with people he loved, and eating with people he shouldn't

traveling boating (rough and calm) water-walking attending weddings wine-making more eating... meals for small groups, and meals for very very large groups teaching resting teaching on resting resting from teaching sabbathing praying

welcoming and including children welcoming and including women welcoming and including sinners welcoming and including pretty much everyone flipping tables rebuking systems of oppression bringing good news to the poor proclaiming freedom to the captives giving sight to the physically and spiritually blind setting the oppressed free proclaiming favour to the outsider and so on...

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(Best Neighbourhood Group ever!)

"Resurrection, after all, is not some buoyant idea, unconnected to the real world. It is an invitation to live as Jesus lived, a doorway to a life in which meals are shared with enemies, healing is offered to the hopeless, prophetic challenges are issued to the powerful. Only now it is not Jesus who does these things - it is we ourselves who see at last the subversive power of the resurrection in order to live it now."

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here**; he has risen!"

Luke 24:5b-6a

"We are just as guilty of such a fruitless search." We too want to tend to the corpses of long dead ideas and ideals. We cling to former visions of ourselves and our churches as if they might come back to life as long as we hold on to them. We grasp our loved ones too tightly, refusing to allow them to change, to become bigger, or smarter, or stronger. We choose to stay with what we know in our hearts to be dead, because it is safe, malleable, and so susceptible to burnishing through private memory.

The words of the unworldly messengers are a challenge to stop hanging on to the dead and to move into new life. They are reminders that the Holy One dwells wherever new life bursts forth."

Nancy Claire Pittman

"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike 'What's next, Papa?' God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are."

Romans 8:15 (The Message)

"What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Mary Oliver

Luke 24:1-12

"found", "find"
"look"
"wondered", "wondering"
Peter "got up and ran"

Can Easter still surprise us?







How are you so productive?



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"It's interesting that you call it 'productive' — I don't separate my life from my creative practice from my connection to the creator. So it's not necessarily that I'm productive. It's more about a flow state."

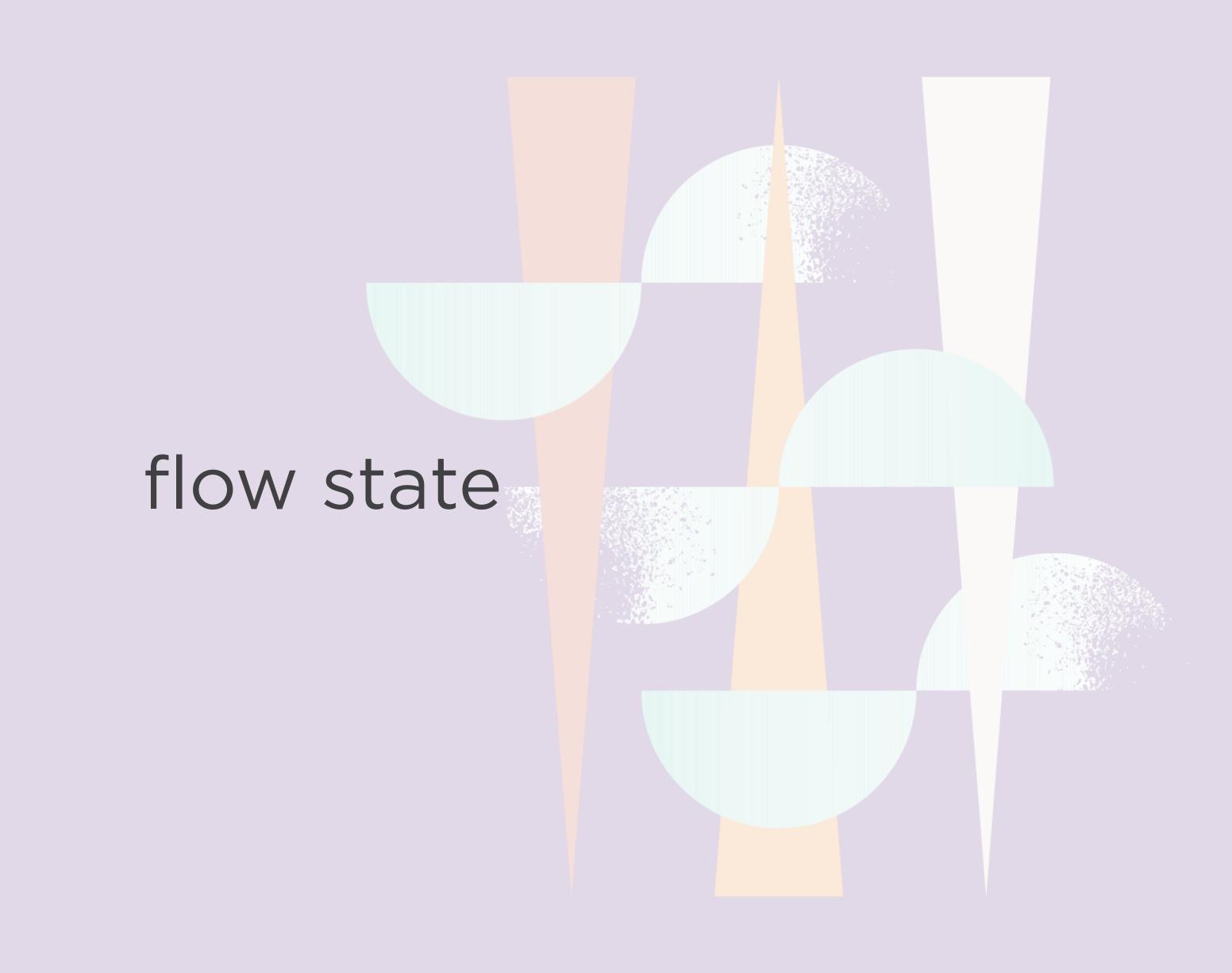


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"You can't routine your way into it. In my faith and in the Black church, we call it the Holy Spirit. All of a sudden, it's something that strikes you, like, Oh, my goodness, and all you can do is be in service to it."



"If I find Him, I will find myself. If I find my true self, I will find Him."

Thomas Merton

"Now I value Easter as the reminder that you never know where life is going to come from next, and there's no sense being attached to the day before yesterday because the day before yesterday is dead, and today something is alive,"

"So why not follow the life, and see where it leads, with some kind of trust in the spirit's ability to blow where nobody expected to blow, and in a direction nobody expected it to go into – and be willing to be blown away."

Barbara Brown Taylor

INVITATION:

Remember and Wonder

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." Then they remembered his words.

"Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened."

Luke 24:12