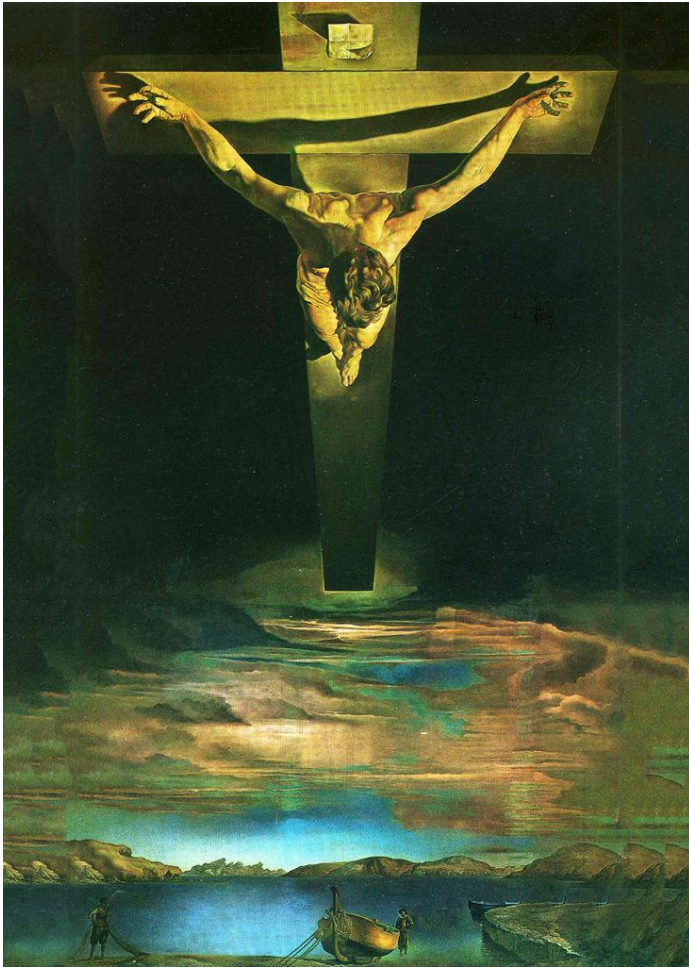


## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Doreen Platts



When visiting a friend in Glasgow some years ago she took me to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery saying 'there is a painting you must see, 'Christ of St John of the Cross'. It is a painting with tremendous impact.

Painted by the Surrealist artist Salvador Dali in 1951, based on his reading of St. John's gospel, the viewpoint is from above the cross, a heavenly perspective, as of God the Father looking down.

Salvador Dali says of the painting 'the cross forms a triangle symbolizing the Holy Trinity. Christ's head forms a circle within the triangle meaning that Christ, and the fulfilment of His Father's will, is the centre and meaning of everything in the universe. Christ and His Father's love for us all should be the centre of every person's life.

In the URC Prayer handbook this week was this reflection based on a reading in John 18:-

The Lamb sacrificed.  
For me.  
Was all of this really for me?  
Let me see and hear  
and feel again  
and offer my heart in return.

*Karen Campbell*