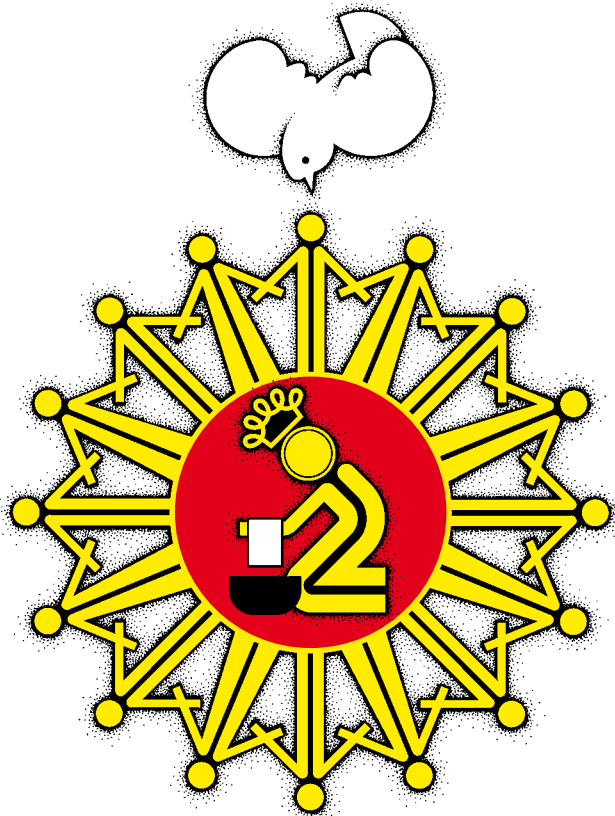




Jesus, complete with *basin* and *towel*, is depicted as a *Servant-King* surrounded by a *community*. This illustration is based on a number of biblical passages:



1 The words spoken at Jesus’ baptism: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased,” Mark 1:9–11.

“You are my Son, the Beloved,” is found in verse 7 of Psalm 2, a royal psalm. It was used when a king from the line of David was enthroned. Its use at Jesus’ baptism declares that Jesus was anointed King of God’s people (*crown*).

“With you I am well pleased” is found in Isaiah’s first Servant Song, Isaiah 42:1–4. Its use at Jesus’ baptism defines the nature of His kingship and kingdom (*Servant-King*).

2 John 13:1–17 states that, during the night prior to His crucifixion, Jesus washed His disciples’ feet, and told them that they were to do the same for each other (*basin* and *towel*).

3 Around Jesus is a *community*. During His ministry, Jesus gathered around Himself a group of people. In Jesus’ Kingdom, all distinctions between male and female, one race and another, master and servant, were and are declared null and void, and rejected, Gal. 3:28. Jesus’ followers are to ask only: **“How can I reflect Jesus’ attitude toward the Father, toward the created order, and toward others?”**

4 Above the symbols for Jesus and His community is a *dove*, the symbol for the Holy Spirit. The risen, ascended Jesus continues among His people through His Holy Spirit. The Spirit uses the Holy scriptures to continue to make known the completed work of Jesus. Their work is one and inseparable, John 16:14,15.