The Mandorla

The mandorla is the almond shaped segment created by the overlapping of two circles. It is the overlap of different dimensions, heaven and earth, the inner world and the outer world, body and soul, darkness and light. The mandorla represents the binding together of that which has been torn apart and made unwhole. Needing both aspects in our lives, the mandorla is a symbol of this reconciliation whereby we have both heaven and earth in our lives. As a progressive vision it says that the two circles will become one. Indeed that this is our life's purpose. It represents the joining of our cultural and religious lives. It also represents the nature of paradox where two divergent paradigms are able to be seen, experienced and the beginning of a whole, unified view of life may be formed in a person.