THE MEANING OF GOD’S NAME (a reading of Exodus 3:1-14)

Yahweh (the LORD)

I SHALL BE THERE [FOR YOU] AS WHO I AM SHALL I BE THERE [FOR YOU]
(God’s name is a promise of active, powerful, caring presence)

Jesus
(is the definitive delivery on God’s promise to be present)

The two Hebrew names of Jesus:
(1)
(2)

The two Hebrew words which are our response to God’s promise to be present:
(1)
(2)

The Spirit

(the Promised One is present with us to empower us to be the continuation of God’s promise to be present in the world today)

WHAT JESUS DID
and what we are called to do
Philippians 2: 5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,

to the glory of God the Father. that Jesus Christ is Lord and every tongue confess in heaven and on earth and under the earth every knee should bow that at the name of Jesus which is above every name and bestowed on him the name Therefore God has highly exalted him

The Paschal Mystery

(“Paschal” refers to the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter; “Mystery” refers to the Plan of God, the Process whereby Christ saved and redeemed us and the Ritual Actions whereby we are inserted into this Plan and Process so that we can be brought back to God)