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Jesus
Popular author, artist, speaker, and presenter, Roger Hutchison, shares the life of Christ in word and image, from biblical times as well as today. See page 3 for details.


Gathered for God and Companions on the Episcopal Way
*Church's Teachings for a Changing World*
*Gathered for God and Companions on the Episcopal Way* volumes 8 and 9, complete this important series for the Episcopal Church. See pages 10–11 for details.

Little Books of Guidance
*Little Books of Guidance* help readers in their search to answer life’s big questions. Concise, authoritative, and affordable, these little books allow one to grasp the essentials in under an hour. See pages 12–13 for details on the next five books in the series.

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Phyllis Tickle
*A Life*
Jon M. Sweeney

- Authorized text, initiated with Phyllis Tickle’s active involvement
- Covers the full range of her life and work

By the time of her death in 2015, Phyllis Tickle was one of the most beloved and respected figures in American religious life, and her writing offers a unique combination of the down-to-earth, deep spirituality, and scholarship. In this comprehensive new volume, Jon Sweeney, official biographer of Tickle’s literary estate, explores every aspect of her life, a more than 50-year legacy of poetry; plays; literary, spiritual, and historical/theological work; and advocacy. Himself an author and editor in the religion field, Sweeney examines Tickle’s personal and professional roots, from her family, long marriage, and life on The Farm in Lucy, Tennessee, to early academic career and move into book publishing, where her role as founding editor of the Religion Department at Publishers Weekly influenced the growth of spiritual writing and interfaith understanding during the 1990s. Sweeney also looks at pivotal relationships with John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, and Brian McLaren, as well as her great influence on the increasing number who adopted fixed-hour prayer, the Episcopal Church as a whole, and the Emerging Church, for which she served as historian, forecaster, and champion. A look at her early, passionate advocacy for the LGBT community, lecture circuit controversies, and projects left unfinished completes the picture.

**JON M. SWEENEY** is an independent scholar and one of religion’s most respected writers. His recent books include *The Pope Who Quit: A True Medieval Tale of Mystery, Death, and Salvation*, published by Image/Random House and optioned by HBO; *Inventing Hell*, published in June 2014 by Jericho; and *When Saint Francis Saved the Church*, published by Ave Maria Press. Sweeney is editor in chief and publisher of Paraclete Press. He is married to Rabbi Michal Woll, has three kids. Jon and Phyllis were in active conversation about co-authoring a book at the time of her death.

Audience: academics and scholars and all those touched by Phyllis Tickle, either in person or through her writings

**Related Reading**

*Embracing Emergence Christianity*
Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale

Phyllis Tickle with Tim Scorer

Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture as we travel through history to find ourselves today in the midst of what Tickle and other experts refer to as “the Great Emergence.”

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*In the Eye of the Storm*
Swept to the Center by God

Gene Robinson
Foreword by Desmond TuTu

Those who know Gene Robinson will relish this book. Those who don’t know him will find here a Christian overflowing with life, insight, commitment, and passion.

—Marcus Borg, world-renowned Jesus scholar and author of a dozen books

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Our One Word
Creating Spiritual Joy and Depth
Martha Johnson Bourlakas

• Author of best-selling book Love Feast
• Chapters contain questions for group discussion and/or personal contemplation
• Perfect for a Lenten practice that easily fits even a busy lifestyle

Women live uniquely demanding lives as providers, managers, caretakers, and, amidst those many roles, both chosen and cast upon them, the individual spirit sometimes loses her voice. To awaken this voice, Martha Bourlakas began a group for women in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia called “Our One Word” to pray about and observe the secular, holy, and personal significance of one word each week.

This simple goal affects participants in profound ways, and now Bourlakas shares their practice with the rest of us in book form. She provides a structure and resource for those who want to start a group, as well as meditation for anyone who wants to expand her or his own spiritual horizons. The book encompasses words Bourlakas has offered to groups in the weekly format and at weekend retreats. Each chapter focuses on a different word, such as Joy, Heart, Change. There are brief quotations from religious texts, literature, music, etc. that explicate the word, combined with her own perspective. Our One Word offers a way for individuals or groups to cultivate a hospitable, constant presence, modeling the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives—a way to celebrate, pray, just be.

MARTHA JOHNSON BOURLAKAS has a master’s degree in education from Vanderbilt and an MFA in creative nonfiction from Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky. She has been leading Our One Word groups and retreats for two years and has witnessed the power of this experience for women. She resides in Southwestern Virginia with her bishop husband, three daughters, two dogs, and one cat.

Audience: followers of Martha Bourlakas’s work, women’s groups, individuals, study groups
Jesus
God Among Us
Roger Hutchison
Foreword by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

- Popular author, artist, and speaker/presenter
- Gift book; builds upon the Jesus Movement
- Great way to meditate on the life of Christ

Inspired by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s powerful statement and call to the Episcopal Church to be the “Jesus Movement” in this world, artist Roger Hutchison created a painting that measures 30” x 40” and illustrates the full life of Christ. Beginning at the bottom with the infant child in the manger, the eye is drawn upward to the boy Jesus, the adult Jesus, and Jesus on the cross.

This book reproduces 16 different areas of the painting, with the final image being the full painting. Each section is matched with a page of Scripture from one of the gospels telling a portion of Jesus’s life (birth, baptism, miracle, teaching, Last Supper, crucifixion, resurrection, etc.), followed by a reflection, the painting piece, and finally a story suggesting where the reader can find Jesus today in a similar encounter between ourselves and another person. Each “chapter” concludes with a reflection question.

ROGER HUTCHISON, is Director of Christian Formation and Parish Life at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. He is an artist/writer whose first book, The Painting Table: A Journal of Loss and Joy, has been used by schools, churches, and community groups across the United States. His artwork has been exhibited throughout the world, and he regularly offers workshops nationally for children, youth, and adults on expressing their thoughts and relationship with God through painting with their hands. Roger lives in Sugar Land, Texas, with wife Kristin, and daughter Riley.

Audience: children, youth, adults, gift book: baptism, Lent, confirmation, newcomers, and more. It can be used in church education or pastoral care settings, Godly Play® rooms, children’s worship, Episcopal schools, nursing homes, and hospitals.

By same author:

The Painting Table
A Journal of Loss and Joy
Roger Hutchison

“Hutchison invites readers to journal and share their stories of healing. In his own story, Hutchison lovingly describes how he got the idea for The Painting Table activity from his grandmother’s kitchen table, a place where he spent much time.”

—The Huffington Post

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Under the Fig Tree
Visual Prayers and Poems for Lent
Roger Hutchison
Foreword by Fleming Rutledge

“If God’s voice is heard in music, then God’s face is seen in the visual arts. Roger’s vivid imagery opens our imaginations to a new way of walking through darkness and into wondrous light. Finally, here is a Lenten devotional that speaks to the artist inside each of us.”

—Chris Yaw, founder of ChurchNext

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The Adventures of Cancer Girl and God
A Journey of Faith, Health, and Healing
Anna Fitch Courie
Foreword by Ben Emanuel

- Popular health and fitness author and nurse
- First-hand experience living with cancer in more than 30 “days of journaling” through the course of a year
- Help for Christians struggling with health and illness who want to connect spiritual beliefs to their whole life

Cancer diagnosis and treatment can make a person feel both frightened and powerless; Anna Fitch Courie takes a different approach: Join her as she embarks on an epic journey with God after finding out she has cancer. Cancer Girl wraps herself in a cape of grace, freely sharing her experiences of diagnosis, traversing the medical system, finding faith in God again, and learning to live with cancer. Cancer Girl learns that there is no stronger “magic word” than “Trust God.”

ANNA FITCH COURIE is an army wife, nurse, cancer-fighter, layperson, and author of Christ Walk: A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program (Church Publishing), Christ Walk Kids (Church Publishing), Sally the Comet (CreateSpace), and Sally and the Constellations (CreateSpace). A graduate of Clemson, University of Wyoming, and Education for Ministry at the School of Theology at Sewanee, University of the South. Home is wherever the army (and God) sends her.

Audience: those going through illness (specifically, cancer), coping with loss, or a transition; for use at churches, hospitals, support groups, clinics, and outreach centers; Fitch Courie’s readership and following.

Related Reading

Chemo Pilgrim
An 18-Week Journey of Healing and Holiness
Cricket Cooper

Join Cricket Cooper in this very personal book of illness, spirituality, and healing, as she journeys from being a patient to being a survivor. She learns cancer is not just a diagnosis, and not just a journey; today, cancer is a community that welcomes you into its midst. Say “yes” to life and spiritual advice through life’s adversities.

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Christ Walk
A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program
Anna Fitch Courie

What’s better than feeding your soul while developing healthy practices for your body and mind? Christ Walk outlines a 40-day program for individuals and groups to focus on improving physical health while engaging in spiritual and mental reflection and growth.

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Christ Walk Kids
A 40-Day Spiritual Journey for Tweens and Teens
Anna Fitch Courie

On the heels of her bestseller, Christ Walk: A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program, Anna Fitch Courie offers tweens and teens a process to grow in faith, grow in fitness, and grow into the full stature of Christ. Jump up from the couch and start your own Christ Walk!

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Denial Is My Spiritual Practice
(And Other Failures of Faith)
Rachel G. Hackenberg and Martha Spong

- Speaks to an authentic articulation of living out our faith
- Valuable insights presented in easy-to-read (and identify with) style

It’s the sort of experience familiar to many: Somewhere between illness and divorce, abusive relationships and brushes with death, faith failed to provide answers . . . or we failed to live as though we believed faith held answers. But surely, it’s different for clergy, the ones who preach and practice faith?

But faith requires more, and authors Martha Spong and Rachel G. Hackenberg, who grew up in the church and became ordained ministers, know first-hand about coming to terms with God and life, the need to search for answers . . . or at least assurance we are not alone in struggling for renewed hope.

*Denial is My Spiritual Practice* is a companion for the wondering and struggling. The authors offer their own stories as evidence that God remains, both when faith fails and when faith finds new understanding. They combine stark life experiences, offbeat spiritual perspectives, and Scripture to offer comfort, grace, laughter, and a few tears along the way.


Audience: seekers, church leaders, clergy, those interested in spiritual renewal

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Related Reading

**Fragmented Lives**
*Finding Faith in an Age of Uncertainty*
William L. Sachs and Michael S. Bos

*Fragmented Lives* describes the meaning of faith for people the church has shown little facility for attracting but whom it would like to reach, people who have entered church doors occasionally but who have little depth of commitment.

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**Falling into Grace**
*Exploring Our Inner Life with God*
John Newton

"Not only does this book deal with the big spiritual issues, but it deals with them in a big way! John Newton uses scripture, good psychology, along with knowledge of primary sources to write in a compelling and very readable way. Read and be led further on a very fine spiritual journey!"

—Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

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Christ on the Psych Ward
David Finnegan-Hosey

- Applicable not just to those with mental health issues, but for churches and the church at large

Christ on the Psych Ward is a series of reflections on the intersections among mental health, faith, and ministry. Beginning with his own experience, Finnegan-Hosey shares ways communities of faith can be present with those suffering from mental illness and crises. Weaving together personal testimony, theological reflection, and practical ministry experience, he offers a message of hope for those suffering and for friends and faith communities struggling to care for them. Ultimately, his journey of recovery and healing reveals the need for a theological understanding of a vulnerable God, important not solely for ministry with those with mental health struggles, but offering a hopeful vision forward for the church.

DAVID FINNEGAN-HOSEY is chaplain-in-residence at Georgetown University and previously served at American University and the University of Hawaii. He holds a master’s degree in divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2011, Finnegan-Hosey has since begun speaking and writing on the intersections between mental illness, faith, and the process of healing and is certified by Mental Health First Aid USA to provide initial help to people experiencing depression, anxiety, psychosis, and substance use disorders. In 2015, he spoke at the Wild Goose Festival in Hot Springs, North Carolina, and has shared his testimony with campus ministries, local congregations, and blog audiences and been featured on Emerging Voices on Patheos.com, as well as the MediaScorch podcast.

Audience: those going through mental illness, coping with loss or a transition; for personal use as well as at churches, hospitals, support groups, clinics, and outreach centers

Related Reading

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Heather Gordon-Young

Fireflies recounts the writer’s quest to find light to ease the darkness and suffering she encounters in the world as her beloved older brother is enveloped by mental illness.
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Donna Schaper

Drawing from her own experience of working for social change while attempting to live fully, Donna Schaper provides strategies and spiritual solutions for simplifying food, children, money, romance. Humorous and practical.
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Reflections on Wholeness and Embracing Our Divine Stories
Beth-Sarah Wright

Encourages us to embrace and tell our whole stories and to discover our divine capacity for true life transformation and joy.
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Healed
How Mary Magdelene Was Made Well
Kate Moorehead

- A biblical, theological perspective on mental illness
- Offers a new view of Mary Magdalene’s role for us today

Mary Magdalene, first witness to Jesus’s resurrection, has been one of the most misunderstood of all the saints, maligned for centuries as a prostitute, despite there being nothing in the Bible to indicate anything of the sort. The Bible does say that Mary was possessed by demons, and that Jesus healed her. Today, we would call Mary’s problem not possession but a mental health condition.

Author Kate Morehead says, “A saint is someone who walks ahead of us, guides us, and keeps us on the path to life . . . . For us, they are role models. Like us, they struggled and journeyed, but they drew closer and each one of them carved out a different path to God.

“It is my hope and prayer that by telling the truth of her story, Mary Magdalene might take her rightful place as the guide for those of us who struggle with mental health issues (and if we are truly honest, that means each and every one of us) . . . . It is time for us to let her show us her beautiful, unique, and sometimes frightening path to true health. It is a path that leads directly to heart of God.”

KATE MOOREHEAD is Dean of St John’s Cathedral in Jacksonville Florida. She is the first female dean in the Diocese of Florida. The author of Resurrecting Easter, she is a graduate of Vassar, Yale Divinity School, and Virginia Theological Seminary.

Audience: those who struggle with mental health—and those who love and serve them

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Greg Garrett

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Becca Stevens

These essays extoll the power of love for everyone, from church leaders to seekers.

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The Magdalene Mystique
Living the Spirituality of Mary Today
Betty Conrad Adam

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Click2Save REBOOT
The Digital Ministry Bible
Elizabeth Drescher and Keith Anderson

A “reboot” of a popular and practical how-to guide for leaders bridging digital social media and parish ministry.

Six years ago, the original Click2Save’s breakthrough introduction to adopting social media for ministry energized outreach and was embraced across denominations by seminaries and churches, as well as by both graduate and undergraduate religious studies and theology programs. But six years is a long time in the digital world, so now it’s time for a reboot!

Revised and updated, Click2Save REBOOT covers the increasing sophistication and importance of mobile computing and leads readers through the changes and additions to social media platforms that are currently shaping how we communicate with, connect with—and can offer Christ-centered care to—one another: Facebook and Twitter, at the center of the first edition, have changed dramatically. Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat, etc. have made images and video much more central. Innovative, often sophisticated voices are overtaking the blog form. Podcasting has become elegant and accessible to the masses through SoundCloud and similar hosting platforms, while Pokémon Go popularized augmented reality—even sometimes leading players into churchyards in their hunt. From their research and personal experience, the authors offer guidance on coping with—and getting the most out of—this evolving revolution.

ELIZABETH DRESCHER, PhD, is adjunct associate professor of religion and pastoral ministry at Santa Clara University. Her doctorate, from the Graduate Theological Union, is in Christian spirituality, and she has a master’s degree in systematic theology from Duquesne University.

KEITH ANDERSON is the author of The Digital Cathedral: Networked Ministry in a Wireless World (Morehouse) and a recognized thought leader across mainline denominations on the ways congregations and ministries faithfully minister in a digitally-integrated world. He is a highly regarded speaker on new media and Christian life at conferences, convocations, and consultations.

Audience: seminarians, young (and not so young) church leaders, those ready to engage through social media.

Related Reading

Tweet If You [Heart] Jesus
Practicing Church in the Digital Reformation
Elizabeth Drescher

Brings the wisdom of ancient and medieval Christianity into conversation with contemporary theories of cultural change and the realities of social media, all to help churches navigate a landscape where faith, leadership, and community have taken on new meanings.

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The Digital Cathedral
Networked Ministry in a Wireless World
Keith Anderson
Foreword by Elizabeth Drescher

Author Keith Anderson provides both practical and theological perspectives on using media appropriately and pastorally.

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Communications as Evangelism in a Noisy World
Jim Naughton and Rebecca Wilson

The authors walk readers through the theology of church communications and introduce steps to help deliver clutter-busting messages to reach a technologically-sophisticated and faith-challenged world.

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*The Missional Challenge of the West*
Alan J. Roxburgh and Martin Robinson

- Speaks to the bewilderment and helplessness many churches feel in the face of current events
- Practical new interpretation of changes in the West

Throughout its history, the church has faced crises of meaning and identity in all kinds of changing contexts. The crises facing the churches of the western hemisphere today are no different. At their best, churches have recognized that their challenge is not their own fixing or even “reformation” but a deep engagement with the ways the gospel transforms society. This book explores how this can happen again in a radically changing western world.

**ALAN J. ROXBURGH** is a leader of The Missional Network. He leads conferences, seminars, and consultations with denominations, congregations, and seminaries across North America, Asia, Europe, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Roxburgh consults with these groups in the areas of leadership for missional transformation and innovating missional change across denominational systems. He is the author of many books, including *Joining God* (Morehouse, 2015).

**MARTIN ROBINSON** is Principal of Formission College, which equips Christian leaders to transform their communities through accredited training, thought leadership, and missional support. It has several campuses in England, in partnership with universities, seminaries, and churches. He is the author of many books, including *Planting Mission-Shaped Churches Today*, *Invading Secular Space*, and *Rediscovering the Celts*.

Audience: leaders of congregations; seminary classes on mission

**Related Reading**

**Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World**
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*Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age*
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**A Generous Community**
*Being the Church in a New Missionary Age*
C. Andrew Doyle

With the experience of a bishop and the insight of a deep learner, Doyle points the way to the future with a vision for how we can learn, serve, and communicate with each other.

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Gathered for God
Church’s Teachings for a Changing World: Volume 8
Dent Davidson and Jeffrey Lee

- The next generation of the classic Episcopal teaching series
- Accessible and engaging enough for newcomers and adult learners, but full of content for church leaders and seminarians
- Filled with interactive study questions and accompanied by online materials

The new Church’s Teachings series has been one of the most recognizable and useful sets of books in the Episcopal Church. With the launch of the Church’s Teachings for a Changing World series, visionary Episcopal thinkers and leaders have teamed up to write a new set of books, grounded and thoughtful enough for seminarians and leaders, concise and accessible enough for newcomers, with a host of discussion resources that help readers to dig deep.

What’s really going on when Episcopalians gather for worship? Musician Dent Davidson and Bishop Jeff Lee bring decades of partnership to this lively conversation about the rituals that make faith real—gathering, bathing, welcoming, storytelling, feasting, and sending God’s people. More than a treatise on the Book of Common Prayer, Gathered for God opens fresh ways of seeing what the Prayer Book makes possible.

JEFFREY LEE is Bishop of Chicago, known across the church as a charismatic preacher, liturgist, and spiritual leader. He wrote Opening the Prayer Book for the new Church’s Teaching series (1999) and is a member of the faculty of CREDO Institute.

DENT DAVIDSON is Music Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops and leads liturgy and arts ministries in the Diocese of Chicago. A popular song leader, teacher, and liturgist, as well as a trained jazz musician, he serves on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church.

Audience: church leaders, lay and ordained; seminary students and faculty; newcomers and adult formation groups

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Companions on the Episcopal Way

Volume 9
Eric H. F. Law and Stephanie Spellers

Eric Law and Stephanie Spellers conclude the series with a dynamic conversation about faith, dialogue, and the generous give-and-take that makes Episcopal life possible. They interview the series’ authors and provide summaries of each volume: history, theology, contemporary society, ethics, practice of ministry, Bible, and worship. Then they invite readers to expand the faith conversation: with self, with neighbor, with the “enemy,” and ultimately with God.

ERIC H. F. LAW is a prolific author, Episcopal priest, and the founder and executive director of the Kaleidoscope Institute, which provides training and resources for creating inclusive and sustainable churches and communities. He lives in Rancho Mirage, California.

STEPHANIE SPELLERS serves as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation, helping Episcopalians to share good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. A former church planter and seminary faculty member, she is the author of Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other and the Spirit of Transformation. She lives in New York City.

Law and Spellers conceived and edited the Church’s Teachings for a Changing World series and co-wrote the introductory volume, The Episcopal Way.

Audience: church leaders, lay and ordained; seminary students and faculty; newcomers and adult formation groups

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Church’s Teaching for a Changing World: Volume 6
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Audience: lay individuals, clergy, seekers

What Is It to Be Holy Whole?
A Little Book of Guidance
Timothy F. Sedgwick

We think of holy people as spiritual seekers, but holiness is more than being in touch with the holy. What is holiness all about? What is wholeness of life? What are practices of love? What is spirituality all about? What is worship all about? Life, according to Timothy Sedgewick, is not a series of experiences or a search for increasing novelty. Rather, there is a more fundamental desire to be whole which characterizes our human experience. This is what Christian faith is all about. It takes practice. It takes community. It takes time. It is a life of loss and love, lament and joy. And, in short, this is what holiness is about: It is a way of life Christians call grace and salvation.

TIMOTHY F. SEDGWICK has served as academic dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, where he has taught Christian ethics for more than two decades. Previously, he taught at Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He is the author of several books for Church Publishing, has served on numerous boards and agencies of the Episcopal Church, and earned a doctorate from Vanderbilt University.

What Do We Mean by ‘God’?
A Little Book of Guidance
Keith Ward

Language about God is something like the language of poetry—intended not to increase our information about the world—we know facts about the world already—but to evoke in us a certain attitude or way of looking at things or feeling about things. What sort of view of the world, then, is language about God trying to convey? Keith Ward suggests it is that the world is an expression of a reality beyond it. In this book, he unpacks the meaning of the word God and explains why we need to get rid of the crude and unhelpful assumptions that still abound. This is a book for all who are curious about how God, and God’s actions, can be understood today.

KEITH WARD recently retired as Regius Professor of Divinity and head of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Oxford. A priest of the Church of England and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, he holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Cambridge and Oxford Universities. He was formerly Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Professor of History and Philosophy of Religion at the University of London.
Why Suffering?
A Little Book of Guidance
Ian S. Markham

The three chapters of Why Suffering? attempt to provide a gentle exploration of how we can respond to a complex issue that has baffled and bothered humanity throughout the ages: Why does a good, all-powerful, and loving God permit evil and suffering? The opening chapter examines the challenge in some depth, while the two additional chapters set forth a Christian response that is grounded in the disclosure of God in Christ on the cross.

IAN S. MARKHAM is Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary. He has written numerous books for Church Publishing and other presses. He is Priest Associate at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

How Do I Pray?
A Little Book of Guidance
John Pritchard

Our lives are increasingly overscheduled, multi-tasking, and hectic. For everyone who could use more than 24 hours in a day (that is, most of us), John Pritchard explores the art and power of prayer and explains how to slow down enough to hear what God wants to say to us. A book for all who are curious about how to become more in tune with the Spirit.

JOHN PRITCHARD is Bishop of Oxford and Chairman of the Church of England Board of Education. He was formerly Bishop of Jarrow and, before that, Archdeacon of Canterbury.

How to Be a Disciple and Digital
A Little Book of Guidance
Karekin M. Yarian

Social media has become a virtual world in which all manner of human communities are being formed, including many centered on prayer, faith, and spirituality. But with the benefits also come liabilities in terms of attentiveness vs. distraction, self-assertion, consumption, and anonymity—all enemies of healthy community.

How to Be a Disciple and Digital provides a framework for an ethic of social media community to help foster the growth and stability of prayerful spiritual communities online.

KAREKIN M. YARIAN is a writer and social activist from San Francisco, and has been a member of the Episcopal religious community known as the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory since 1994. He is the author of In Love and Service Bound: The First Forty Years of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory.
Reckless Love
_The Scandal of Grace in a Performance-Driven World_

*John Newton*

- Stories of Jesus that speak to the grace of God
- Builds upon the Jesus Movement and evangelism initiatives in the Episcopal Church

Its momentum building, the “Jesus Movement” is unfolding, with Episcopalians longing to embody our branch of the movement in the world. John Newton’s contribution is this look at God’s reckless love. His aim is not for the head, but for the heart, to connect people with their passion and love for Jesus Christ, reawakening what may be dormant, because ultimately, it is not clever ideas but passion that mobilizes people.

The Jesus Movement is not about our move toward God, but about a God who is for us in Christ Jesus, constantly moving toward fragile and broken humanity, recklessly loving us in all seasons and circumstances. Newton draws heavily from the gospels, and speaks to the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Each chapter begins with a gospel passage used to challenge the way we think about God, love, morality, grace, mission, evangelism, and the church.

Three discussion questions in each chapter and the book can be used as a 10-week study, with groups discussing two chapters at a time. Chapters are intentionally short, and each unpacks a specific episode in Jesus’s life that illuminates the reckless love of God in Christ.

*JOHN NEWTON* is Chief of Staff in the Diocese of Texas. He holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and Virginia Theological Seminary. Newton is passionate about Christian formation and enjoys a ministry of preaching and teaching throughout the Diocese of Texas. The author of *New Clothes: Putting on Christ and Finding Ourselves* (2014) and *Falling Into Grace: Exploring Our Inner Life with God* (2016), he lives in Houston, Texas. Follow him at http://www.cruci-formation.com/.

_Audience:_ clergy, lay people, adult education leaders, Christian educators, college chaplains, Episcopal Evangelism Network, Acts 8 Movement

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Related Reading

**Falling into Grace**
_Exploring Our Inner Life with God_

*John Newton*

Jesus was quite clear that we must lose our life before we find it. This book gives a hopeful and realistic look at what losing our life entails, articulating how “growth” in the Christian life is not our ascent to God but the process by which our eyes are opened to the beauty God has already given to us.

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**New Clothes**
_Putting on Christ and Finding Ourselves_

*John Newton*

Using modern biblical knowledge to refresh historic doctrines, including creation, sin, atonement, spiritual rebirth, and resurrection, Newton’s book offers a springboard into practical measures we can take to enter re-imagined church life in the 21st century.

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**My Church Is Not Dying**
_Episcopalian in the 21st Century_

*Greg Garrett*

*My Church Is Not Dying* tells the story of the Episcopal Church through the eyes of those who love her, and describes a tradition with a distinguished past, a vibrant present, and a bright future.

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Speaking Our Faith
Equipping the Next Generations to Tell the Old, Old Story
Kit Carlson

- Ways to help Episcopalians articulate and feel comfortable about speaking of their faith with others
- Builds upon the Jesus Movement and evangelism initiatives in the Episcopal Church

Today, in a rapidly changing religious landscape, the structures of Christendom—which once almost automatically instilled faith in generation after generation of believers—are gone. For faithful Episcopalians, it has become essential to learn how to “tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.” This is especially important for those generations born after the Baby Boom, which are experiencing the rapid rise of the “nones”—people who have lost their faith, or who have no faith at all.

The time to speak, to share our faith, is now. Kit Carlson offers a road map for those who want to learn to speak about the faith that lives within them. Speaking Our Faith will help them put words to their own experiences of God, create their own statements of belief, and to begin to have compassionate, caring conversations with other people about spirituality, belief, and Jesus Christ.

KIT CARLSON is rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing, Michigan. A passionate commitment to the future of the Church and the future of the faith in the changing landscape of 21st century Christianity led her to research how post-Boomers speak about their faith, as part of her doctor of ministry degree. She is author of The Leopard Son, Bringing Up Baby: Wild Animal Families, and Working Dogs: Tales from the K9-5 World. She is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and writes at Pastor in the Pasture of Life (http://pastorkit.weebly.com).

Audience: clergy, seminarians, adult education leaders, Christian educators, college chaplains, church planters, Episcopal Evangelism Network, Acts 8 Movement

Speaking Our Faith Leader Guide
Equipping the Next Generations to Tell the Old, Old Story
Kit Carlson

This Leader Guide offers five session plans designed to bring the process described in Kit Carlson’s book, Speaking Our Faith, to small groups of adults (including millennials) in a congregational or school chaplaincy setting, in order to help them learn how to speak and share their faith. Guidance for the leader in how to facilitate each conversation is given, noting issues that tend to arise in each of the sessions. Homework assignments continue the work from week to week and are provided as well. The time to speak, to share our faith, is now. Through the sessions provided, participants will learn how to put words to their own experiences of God, create their own statements of belief, and begin to have compassionate, caring conversations with other people about spirituality, belief, and Jesus Christ.
Your Untold Story
Tales of a Child of God
Jake Owensby

- Popular author and HuffPost blogger
- Good for use by individuals or groups

Whether we realize it or not, how we respond to life’s opportunities and challenges, to other people, and to ourselves depends upon the stories we tell about ourselves. Too often, we tell distorted stories drawn from painful experiences or internalized from others’ critical voices. These fake stories diminish our dreams, damage our relationships, and fill us with fear and self-blame.

Research shows that people yearn for personal experiences of the holy, and Jake Owensby begins by inviting readers to re-imagine Jesus as friend and lover. He then turns to encouraging readers to hear and tell how Jesus would express their story and the stories of others. Jesus’ story about us is our true story: the gospel, the story of the beloved. It helps us experience the richness of life, see the stranger as friend, and make a difference in the world.

Useful for both personal spiritual practice and group studies, Your Untold Story will help expand the soul by engaging imagination and deepening relationships among group members. It is a discipleship tool that will aid any individual or group of spiritually minded people. The missional church requires well-formed disciples; here is a resource to help in that process.

JAKE OWENSBY was consecrated the fourth Bishop of Western Louisiana in 2012, having served congregations in the Episcopal Church since 1997. Before entering seminary, he was a philosophy professor in a small college, a teacher devoted to helping students discover truth for themselves. As a bishop, he is still that sort of teacher. Owensby is author of multiple books and a blog, Looking for God in Messy Places (https://jakeowensby.com). His podcasts are available on SoundCloud and at iTunes.

Audience: adults, study groups, preachers—sermon preparation, Bible/lectionary study, personal discernment

Related Reading

Gospel Memories
The Future Can Rewrite Our Past
Jake Owensby

“Jake Owensby digs deep into his own memories and right there, in all the struggle and joy, finds the presence of Christ. Through his courage, he invites us to mine our own memories to discover how God’s vision for our future changes our past. Brew a cup of tea, have a seat, and go deep with this marvelous guide.”

—Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia

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The Light Shines Through
Our Stories Are God’s Story
Carole A. Wageman

Carole Wageman dives into Scripture and probes an individual’s encounter with faith while also reflecting on our own similar experience with God.

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Without Shame or Fear
From Adam to Christ
A. Robert Hirschfeld

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Resurrection Matters
Church Renewal for Creation’s Sake
Nurya Love Parish

- How to build resilience in local communities and evangelize the millennial generation
- An ecology of renewal and resurrection for today’s church

Resurrection Matters is a fruitful study and action guide for any church institution that owns property and in which groups gather together to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. It helps groups connect their faith and the assets that they steward for God’s mission, recognizing these assets as gifts for ministry with their wider community. It encourages theological reflection and practical action for renewal for the church, greater biodiversity for the planet, and relief for the poor.

NURYA LOVE PARISH is co-founder of Plainsong Farm, a farm-based ministry in greater Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is responsible for stewardship of the property her family owns, so she is deeply familiar with the practical implications of taking stewardship seriously. A member of the Episcopal Church's Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation, Parish convenes the Province V Regional Consultive Group created by General Convention 2015’s A030 resolution. As a member of the Diocese of Western Michigan’s Diocesan Council and chair of her deanery, she understands the challenges of church renewal today. She has 20 years of ministry experience, 10 within the Episcopal Church.

Audience: lay leaders (vestries, etc.), clergy, environmental activists, Christian Food movement, community gardeners, those involved (diocesan, parish) with property oversight, evangelism teams.

Related Reading

Harvesting Abundance
Local Initiatives of Food and Faith
Brian Sellers-Petersen
Foreword by Sarah Nolan

Learn how congregations, schools, and organizations across the Episcopal Church are reaching out to their neighborhoods to share God’s story of abundance through a variety of agricultural initiatives, offering inspiration to all of us to “plant a garden” and “feed the hungry,” while nurturing our own relationship to our Creator and one another.

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A Study Course on the House of Bishops’ Pastoral Teaching on the Environment
Jerry Cappel and Stephanie M. Johnson

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Hospitable Planet
Faith, Action, and Climate Change
Stephen A. Jurovics
Foreword by Matthew Sleeth

Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change seeks to fill the gap in religious and secular texts by providing both a compelling biblical case for action on climate change and by identifying transformative ameliorating measures and how to accomplish them.

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One-Minute Stewardship
Creative Ways to Talk about Money in Church
Charles Cloughen Jr.

- Innovative approach to an issue that makes many uncomfortable
- Reflections can be used in multiple ways

Much has changed in the 21st-century world of stewardship. Now a person may use electronic funds transfer or use a credit card after clicking on a website link instead of dropping a check in the offering plate. Stewardship witness videos can be linked to the church’s website. One-Minute Stewardship is designed to promote the development of a meaningful theology of giving in a new age. These short reflections, indexed by Scripture, theme, event, and lectionary, can be included in weekly parish e-mails, newsletters, weekly bulletins, or read as an invitation to the offering during worship. The book addresses the issue of designated giving, which is usually separate from general stewardship appeals and is designed to empower clergy and lay leaders to promote the message of good stewardship every Sunday of the year.

CHARLES CLOUGHEN JR. has been an Episcopal priest for more than 48 years, serving in parishes in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Texas, and Maryland. He is presently the Director of Planned Giving for the Diocese of Maryland.

Audience: clergy, lay leaders, vestry, seminaries, stewardship committees

Related Reading

Fearless Church Fundraising
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Charles LaFond

In this rich resource—part handbook, part workbook, part spiritual guidebook—former monk and popular consultant Charles LaFond combines road-tested strategies and sample campaign documents with a spiritual director’s sensitivity. The result is an irresistible, user-friendly text that promises to transform your ministry’s fundraising and its spiritual life.

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Bob Sitze

Stewardshift will change the way you think about the world and how we organize our care for it, and it will change your congregation’s approach to its treasure, time, and talent.

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Deeper Simplicity, Broader Generosity
Images of Financial Wholeness
Celeste A. Ventura

This book explores images with the hope of enhanced and increased engagement into how and why we earn, spend, invest, and share our money. Using images with corresponding reflections, we can build financial knowledge and engagement that can be transformational for our communities, the world, and us as individuals.

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**Done and Left Undone**
*Grace in the Meantime of Parish Ministry*

Scott Anson Benhase

- An original and thoughtful approach to a grace-filled theology of leadership
- Incorporates insights from biological and behavioral sciences and popular culture

In a post-Christian culture, parish clergy can find themselves at a loss, ill-equipped to deal with a reality for which seminary did not prepare them. As a result, the Church and its clergy can seem to flounder from one “program” to the next or get enamored with secular self-help strategies. To learn to lead well in this new context, the Church needs to help clergy refocus on what both works and is true to their tradition and theology.

Enter Scott Benhase, whose *Done and Left Undone* proposes an ascetical theology of leadership based in St. Benedict’s Promise of Stability, Obedience, and Conversion of Life. The Promise helps clergy move forward from their inward identity to their outward *askesis* (discipline), their inner life experience of resting in the mercy of God’s grace in harmony with their outward role in the church. Benhase believes parish clergy can lead faithfully and well without following a program or leadership style that does not fit them. Leading from ascetical grace does not require parish clergy to be something they are not. It invites them, rather, to a way of being and an *askesis* that will help them be both faithful and effective in parish leadership.

**SCOTT ANSON BENHASE** is Bishop of Georgia. He has been ordained for more than 33 years. He served in parish ministry for 27 years and has been a diocesan bishop for the last six-plus years. In parish ministry, he had a pattern of calls that led him to parishes that were longing for redevelopment and refocusing toward a deeper life of grace and a robust engagement in the community. As bishop, he has instituted specific, required training programs for all parish clergy so that they can be retrained from unhelpful practices to more effective ones for their leadership.

Audience: clergy (and seminaries) working to develop a robust pastoral identity based in grace

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**Related Reading**

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*The Benedictine Way of Living, 15th Anniversary Edition, Revised*

John McQuiston II

Foreword by Phyllis Tickle

A simple blueprint, based on the Rule of St. Benedict, to order one’s time and create physical and inner space, to step back from the demands and pressures of the moment, and to step into a place of peace.

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*The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living (Revised Edition)*

Jane Tomaine

I welcome this 10th anniversary edition of *St. Benedict’s Toolbox*. It is a wonderful book, one of the best introductions we have in print today to the spirit of St. Benedict. It speaks clearly to Episcopalians of our day about the great spiritual treasure of the Benedictine tradition."

—The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York

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**The Nearness of God**
*Parish Ministry as Spiritual Practice*

Julia Gatta

While many books tell clergy how to run a capital campaign, handle conflict, and lead a vestry, this book helps pastors, chaplains, and lay professionals appreciate the spiritual depth of their calling and reminds them that parish ministry is Christ working through them.

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The Complete Guide to Godly Play
*Volume 4, Revised and Expanded*
Jerome W. Berryman, with Cheryl V. Minor and Rosemary Beales

- Incorporates the latest in Godly Play® theory and practice
- Revised lessons throughout

The Godly Play® approach helps children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play® method services children through early, middle, and late childhood and beyond.

Revised and expanded, *The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Volume 4*, offers new concepts, new terminology, new illustrations, and a new structure that stem from more than 10 years of using Godly Play® with children across the world. Thirty to forty percent of the text is new or revised, including a new lesson, revised Introduction, and a full Appendix.

**JEROME W. BERRYMAN** is Founder of Godly Play® and has wide experience working with children ages 2 to 18. Writer, lecturer, and workshop leader, Berryman is Senior Fellow of the Center for the Theology of Childhood. He is the author of *The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, *Teaching Godly Play*, *Children and the Theologians*, *The Spiritual Guidance of Children: Montessori, Godly Play and the Future*, and more.

**CHERYL V. MINOR** is Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood, academic/publishing arm of the Godly Play® Foundation. For the past 18 years, she has served as Co-Rector at The Parish of All Saints’ Church in Belmont, Massachusetts, and holds a degree in music education from Boston University, a master’s degree in divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in psychology from Northcentral University in Scottsdale, Arizona. Minor is also a Godly Play® Trainer.

**ROSEMARY BEALES** is Chaplain to the Lower School at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia, and is a practitioner and trainer in the Godly Play® method of religious education. A former journalist, she also currently serves as priest associate at St. Paul’s in Alexandria and St. Alban’s in Annandale, Virginia.

Audience: Christian educators, the Godly Play® community, those interested in the spirituality of children

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**Other revised volumes of Godly Play**

- **The Complete Guide to Godly Play**
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Stories of God at Home
*A Godly Play Approach*
Jerome W. Berryman

- A method for families to share the biblical story at home and learn the practice of sharing one another’s stories as part of God’s Story
- Includes full color images of the materials described in text

Using Godly Play® methods, Jerome Berryman offers families a way of nourishing faith in the home while supporting children’s spiritual growth through the practice of “storying,” our most ancient way of making meaning. This book offers “storying” rituals and techniques from Godly Play for exploring the meaning of Christmas, Easter, Creation, the Parable of the Good Shepherd, Pentecost, and the Trinity to give sustenance to the family’s flow, play, love, and spirituality.

*Stories of God at Home* follows the rhythm of life’s cycles (birth, death, earth, life, God, and depth) in telling biblical stories and shows how parents and caretakers can grasp their role with children using classic children’s literature.

**JEROME W. BERRYMAN** is Founder of Godly Play and has wide experience working with children ages 2 to 18. Writer, lecturer, and workshop leader, Berryman is Senior Fellow of the Center for the Theology of Childhood. He is the author of *The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, *Teaching Godly Play, Children and the Theologians*, *The Spiritual Guidance of Children: Montessori, Godly Play and the Future*, and *Becoming Like a Child: The Curiosity of Maturity beyond the Norm*.

**Audience:** parents, Godly Play practitioners, Christian educators

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**Teaching Godly Play**
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Jerome W. Berryman

This revised and expanded version of Godly Play Founder Jerome Berryman’s 1995 handbook is for current and future users of Godly Play. Up-to-date research in childhood development and instruction has been incorporated in this comprehensive update.
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Parents long to give their children a strong moral foundation rooted in God through Jesus, a sense of connection, belonging, and purpose. Wendy Claire Barrie shows how to do it simply, adding depth and meaning to the traditions families already have as well as information about basic Christian practices to nurture and enrich everyone’s faith at home.
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**Building Faith Brick by Brick**
*An Imaginative Way to Explore the Bible with Children*
Emily Slichter Given

*Building Faith Brick by Brick* offers a culturally relevant, hands-on way to explore faith stories with a broad range of ages. This book offers the methodology as well as 30 Old Testament and 24 New Testament stories with lesson plans.
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Words That Listen
*A Literary Companion to the Lectionary*
Ian S. Markham and James Barney Hawkins, IV

- An accessible and distinctive anthology of texts to support preaching and enhance individual devotion
- Consulting editors include former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, Cynthia Kitteridge, Mark Oakley (Canon Chancellor, St. Paul’s Cathedral, London)
- Volume 1 covers Advent to Ascension, Volume 2 Pentecost to end of Church Year

The great themes of faith are also the great themes of literature and the arts. As we come to terms with God, hope, faith, tragedy, guilt, fear, and love, so the poets, writers, musicians, and artists pick up the same themes, and their understanding can enrich and deepen our own. *Words That Listen* brings these two worlds together.

For each gospel, Markham and Hawkins offer four connecting resource suggestions—e.g., a poem, extract from a novel, a film/television/sporting illustration, and/or a humorous story—to illuminate, make connections, and spark new ways of looking at familiar stories. The suggestions for each Sunday include a brief summary and explanation of the extracts.

IAN MARKHAM is Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia.

BARNEY HAWKINS is Vice President, Associate Dean, and Professor at Virginia Theological Seminary and has more than 30 years of parish experience.

Audience: clergy who use RCL: Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, United Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ; laity for devotional use; those interested in the intersection of arts and religion

Weekday Eucharistic Propers

In the section entitled “Concerning the Service of the Church,” the Book of Common Prayer identifies the normative services of the Episcopal Church:

> The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in this book, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Church. (BCP, 13)

Eucharistic propers (collects, Scripture readings, and proper prefaces) are provided in the Book of Common Prayer for the days when the Eucharist is the principal service. As celebration of the Eucharist has become more frequent, many congregations and other communities of faith now celebrate weekday Eucharists on days for which the Prayer Book does not assign propers.

To facilitate the use of these authorized options, this resource contains weekday propers for the seasons of the Church Year (the temporal cycle), the Common of Saints (the sanctoral cycle), and Various Occasions from the Prayer Book and from resources authorized since the adoption of the Prayer Book. The propers in this resource are grouped into three sections by type for the temporal cycle, the sanctoral cycle, and various occasions.
Faithful Celebrations
Making Time for God in Autumn
Edited by Sharon Ely Pearson

- Experiential activities for celebrating secular and sacred seasons of the year
- Activities can be used in any setting: church, home, school

Many of our experiences in life happen when several generations are together—at church, at home, in our communities. Holidays and family events are times for celebration, learning, rituals, food, and fun. For each edition of Faithful Celebrations, you will discover plenty of activities to learn more about the season, holiday, or special day for church settings, at home, camp, or anywhere in between. This abundance of ideas allows you to create meaningful celebrations within a faith context throughout the year.

Each event to be celebrated includes key ideas, a cluster of activities to experience the key ideas, materials needed, full instructions for implementation, background history and information, music, art, recipes, and prayer resources to use in a small, intimate or large multi-generational group.

Making Time for God in Autumn includes Back to School, Labor Day, St. Francis International Day of Peace, Halloween, All Saints, and Thanksgiving.

Faithful Celebrations
Making Time for God from Advent through Epiphany
Edited by Sharon Ely Pearson

- Experiential activities for celebrating secular and sacred seasons of the year
- Activities can be used in any setting

While these celebrations are popular in our secular culture, all ages will reconnect with the sacred roots and traditions practiced by past generations. All can experience new celebrations that have traditionally been intergenerational events in Spanish speaking communities.

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SHARON ELY PEARSON is a Christian educator, editor, and author with 35 years of experience in Christian formation on the local, judicatory, and church-wide level. Known for her knowledge of the variety of published curricula across the church, among her books are The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, 3rd edition; Call on Me: A Prayer Book for Young People; The Episcopal Christian Educator’s Handbook; and Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Theologies of Confirmation for the 21st Century. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and a lifelong Episcopalian, you can follow her at www.rowsofsharon.com.

Audience: Christian educators, youth ministers, camps, schools, parents; for children, youth, adults, or any combination of ages

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Beyond a Binary God

A Theology of Trans* Allies

Tara K. Soughers

- How the inclusion of trans people in our communities of faith has the potential to broaden our understanding
- Written by a priest and parent of a trans person
- Discussion/journaling questions included

All are made in the image and likeness of God. If this is what we believe, then trans people, like all people, reflect something of God, and not just in the ways that they share in common with others, but also in the ways that they are different. They remind us that God is beyond all of our categories, even gender.

In this book, Tara Soughers explores theology from the position of a trans ally—a parent of a trans young adult as well as priest. What does it mean about God and about humans, that there is not a strict gender binary? How can we affirm and include what we have learned about the permeability of boundaries to affirm those whose path does not follow traditional cultural stereotypes, and how might the broadening help us to understand the God who is never two for Christians, but both one and three? What gifts does this broader understanding bring to the church?

TARA K. SOUGHERS is an Episcopal priest and mother of two sons, one trans and one cis. With a doctorate in practical theology with a concentration in spirituality (Boston University School of Theology), she is the author of Falling in Love with God: Passion, Prayer, and the Song of Songs (2005), Fleeing God: Fear, Call, and the Book of Jonah (2007), and Treasures of Darkness: Finding God When Hope is Hidden (2010). A graduate (master's degree in divinity) of Virginia Theological Seminary, she serves as a trainer for the EfM program, a congregational coach for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and a spiritual director.

Audience: parents, clergy, pastoral counselors, youth group leaders, trans friends, seminaries: pastoral care and theology

Related Reading

These Are Our Bodies: Foundation book
Talking Faith & Sexuality at Church & Home

Leslie Choplin and Jenny Beaumont

“There is an urgent need across the Church for faithful, honest conversations with young people about sexuality. Finally, we have the study resources we need to hold them. These Are Our Bodies is written for real people with real lives. It invites parents and church leaders into serious, hopeful work of integrating body and soul.”

—Lisa Kimball, PhD, Associate Dean for Lifelong Learning, Virginia Theological Seminary

Radical Love
An Introduction to Queer Theology

Patrick S. Cheng

Cheng provides a historical survey of how queer theology has developed from the 1950s to today and then explicates the themes of queer theology using the ecumenical creeds as a general framework.

From Sin to Amazing Grace
Discovering the Queer Christ

Patrick S. Cheng

This book will serve as a useful resource for all people who struggle to make sense of the traditional Christian doctrines of sin and grace in the context of the 21st century.

Bivocational
Returning to the Roots of Ministry
Mark Edington

*Bivocational: Returning to the Roots of Ministry* offers one answer to the pressing question of the future of congregational life in the mainline Protestant Church. The contention of the book is that the model of professional ministry we have received from the past century of congregational life is imposing unsustainable costs on most congregations and parishes. In consequence, these faith communities face stark choices for which there are no self-evident answers. Shall we close? Shall we merge with another congregation—a decision shaped by a primary value on maintaining a full-time professional in the role of ordained minister? Can we find someone who will do the job part-time? What will it mean for them—and for us?

*Bivocational* explores the impact on the ministry, on congregations, and on denominational polities of encouraging a way forward—one in which bivocational ordained professionals, ministers working simultaneously in the church and in secular life, come to leadership positions in the church. It explores the different sorts of gifts and preparation such ordained ministers need, and how a bivocational ethos looks when it characterizes not only the ordained minister, but all ministers of the congregation—lay and ordained alike.

**MARK EDINGTON** is Director of the Amherst College Press, a path-breaking initiative for open-access scholarly publishing in the humanities. Ordained in the Episcopal Church, he has served as Epps Fellow and Chaplain to Harvard College and as Associate Minister and Director of Administration at The Memorial Church of Harvard University; as rector of Saint Dunstan's Church in Dover, Massachusetts; and as Protestant Chaplain at Wellesley College. He is currently bivocational rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Newtonville, Massachusetts.

Audience: lay individuals, clergy, church leaders, all who need to think about the future shape of ministry and all those who practice it now or will in the future.

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A Failure of Nerve
Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix
Revised, 10th Anniversary Edition
Edwin H. Friedman

Ed Friedman's genius was to see the individual in the family, the family in the larger group, bringing the wisdom of his experience as a therapist and rabbi to the field of organizational leadership. A timeless bestseller, *A Failure of Nerve* still shocks in this new edition and its relevance continues to transform the lives of leaders everywhere—business, church, family, school—as it has for more than 20 years:

- Offers a prescient guide to leadership in the age of the “quick fix”
- Provides ways to recognize and address organizational dysfunction
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