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## The Power of Two Way Prayer

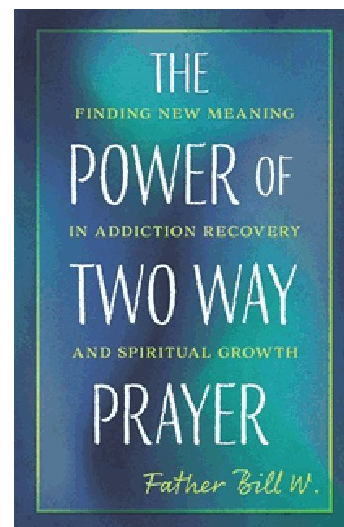
Finding New Meaning in Addiction Recovery  
and Spiritual Growth

Father Bill W.

**A tool for those in addiction recovery, and anyone seeking spiritual growth, that explains how to listen to God, who has a message for each person to become who they are meant to be.**

Two way prayer is an extension of the eleventh step of AA to use prayer and meditation to improve a connection with God on the journey to sobriety. The practice has emerged as a valuable part of the addiction recovery process and has been validated in scientific studies. Priest and recovering alcoholic, Father Bill W. offers detailed, step-by-step instructions as well as sample writings that demonstrate how practical, intimate, and transforming this type of prayer can be. At the heart of the practice, there is dedicated morning devotion and quiet time, where a person asks for spiritual guidance, pauses and listens for the answer, and begins writing down the guidance that is received. It is this practical approach to prayer through listening and writing that provides a spiritual awakening, since any guidance received must be carried into action as a way to be of service. Readers will be shown how the practice can be shared and how it will comfort and guide them one day at a time as they embark on a deeper and more transformative phase of their recovery journey.

**Father Bill W.** is an Episcopal priest who has been in recovery since 1972. He has served as a counselor and administrator of several nationally recognized addiction treatment centers, including Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center in Detroit, Michigan, Baton Rouge General Hospital Chemical Dependency Unit, and Cottonwood Treatment Centers in Tucson, Arizona. He has taught as adjunct faculty lecturing on addiction and spirituality at the University of Texas School of Social Work, the Seminary of the Southwest, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was a fellow in residence at the Hope and Healing Institute in Houston, Texas. He hosts the Father Bill W. podcast and workshops on meaningful recovery. He lives near Austin, Texas.



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## Uncovering Your Path

Spiritual Reflections for Finding Your Purpose

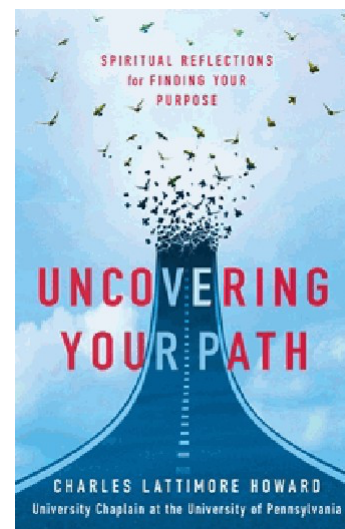
Charles Lattimore Howard

From an Ivy League university chaplain comes a profound collection of spiritual reflections designed for people everywhere, including recent college graduates, looking to find their “way” and their “why.”

“Who am I?”, “What is my purpose?”, and “What should I do with my life?” are questions that all of us find ourselves asking at some point or another. In this deeply transformative and lyrical book, Charles “Chaz” Lattimore Howard offers a helpful guide as we venture to answer these questions for ourselves, inviting us to slow down, walk the journey of life, and allow our path to reveal itself to us. From an enlightening conversation with a Jain University student to a heartwarming episode coaching basketball to an anxious school-age child, Chaz shares how everyday moments can help you discern your purpose in the universe. Bolstered with poignant anecdotes that follow Chaz’s journey as a priest, professor, student, parent, spouse, social justice advocate, and religious leader, *Uncovering Your Path* will fill you with renewed vigor, inspire introspection, and encourage you to find your place in God’s world.

“*Uncovering Your Path: Spiritual Reflections for Finding Your Purpose* is full of accessible wisdom and inspiring stories not only for Christians but for people of all faith traditions, or no faith tradition. I encourage you to ‘walk’ with The Rev. Dr. Charles ‘Chaz’ Lattimore Howard, as this book and its author will be a cherished friend to help you find your path in life and to walk it well.”  
—Ben Jealous, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, former President and CEO of The NAACP, Professor of Practice for the University of Pennsylvania, and author of *Never Forget Our People Were Always Free: A Parable of American Healing*.

**Charles “Chaz” Lattimore Howard, PhD**, is an Episcopal priest and theologian who serves as University Chaplain and Vice President for Social Equity and Community at the University of Pennsylvania. Chaz has served as a chaplain in hospice and hospitals and as a street outreach worker. He has published three books, including *Pond River Ocean Rain: Find Peace In the Storms of Life*, and written for *The Christian Century*, *Huffington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and more. He lives in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.



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## Choosing Cheer

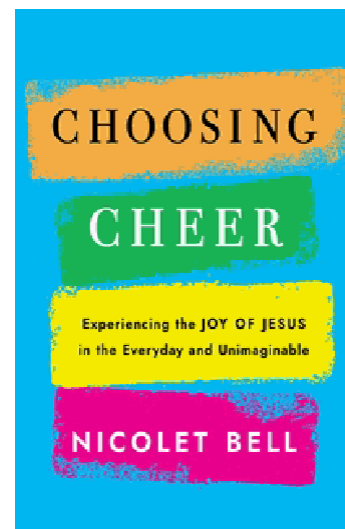
Experiencing the Joy of Jesus in the Everyday  
and Unimaginable

Nicolet Bell

***Choosing Cheer* is a transformational guide to incorporating more of the joy of Jesus in your life through the study of Biblical scriptures and real-world experiences.**

Do you know Jesus but wonder where joy is? Do you find joy when things are smooth sailing but when life gets choppy, does joy seem out of reach? Are you overwhelmed with the state of the world? In this thoughtful and uplifting guide, Nicolet Bell helps readers understand why we should choose cheer, identifying what is stealing our cheerfulness, and offering tools to help us choose cheer every day, even when life is challenging. She believes that joy is not only dependent on our circumstances, but it is also a choice we can make intentionally if we embrace the love of Jesus and accept the help of the Holy Spirit. *Choosing Cheer* avoids toxic positivity by giving readers practical solutions to connect with Jesus and live in the joy of faith in him by incorporating a gratitude practice, using breathing exercises, and implementing scripture memorization.

**Nicolet Bell** is a blogger, content contributor, and COO for the JourneyWise network, and host of the *Choosing Cheer* podcast. She has served in adult discipleship, family ministry, and NextGen ministry in her local church and speaks regularly at regional women's retreats and conventions, including as a featured speaker at the World Methodist Evangelism Order of the FLAME International Leadership Conference. She has a master's degree in communications from the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently studying theology at Wesley Biblical Seminary. She lives in Jackson, Mississippi.



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## A Soulful Marriage

Healing Your Relationship With Responsibility,  
Growth, Priority, and Purpose

Rachel Glik

**A guidebook for couples seeking to strengthen and heal their relationship and ultimately create a deep and meaningful spiritual connection that can grow endlessly.**

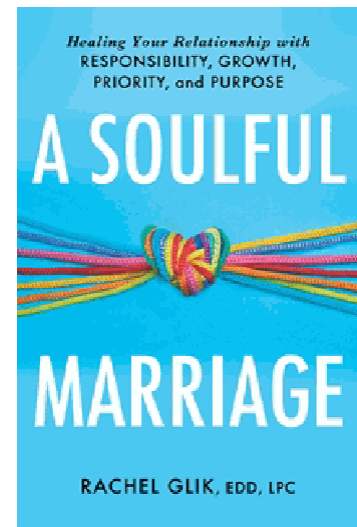
A happy relationship is not guaranteed even if you are fortunate enough to find the right person.

*A Soulful Marriage* will help couples build a relationship where love and happiness can be ever-growing. Not only for couples in distress, this inclusive book is for anyone that wants to strengthen their relationship with their partner. Dr. Rachel Glik has identified the core components of a lasting *and* fulfilling relationship and has created a framework to guide couples through a healing process.

The framework consists of four pillars—Responsibility, Growth, Priority, and Purpose—that couples move through building on the work of the previous pillar. The premise is that couples must work on themselves first and understand their own needs and values before they can work on their partnerships. Finally, the author believes that once the couples have achieved a strong relationship, to continue to develop and grow they must find purpose both in the marriage and in their community—thereby achieving the soul in a soulful marriage.

The book is filled with exercises, activities, and quizzes, taking the reader through self-diagnosis exercises and activities that couples can work on together to strengthen their bond.

**Rachel Glik** is a licensed professional counselor with more than thirty years as a couples and individual therapist. She is a regular guest on the *Fox 2* show in St. Louis, and a featured author for *Mind Body Green*. Rachel has taught and created workshops for organizations such as: YPO, University of Missouri, the Kabbalah Centre International, and Psychotherapy Saint Louis. She is a featured guest of podcasts such as *Weekly Energy Boost* and *Sage Advice with Melissa*. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri.



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# The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning

Meditations for Racial Healing

Catherine Meeks

Foreword by Michael B. Curry

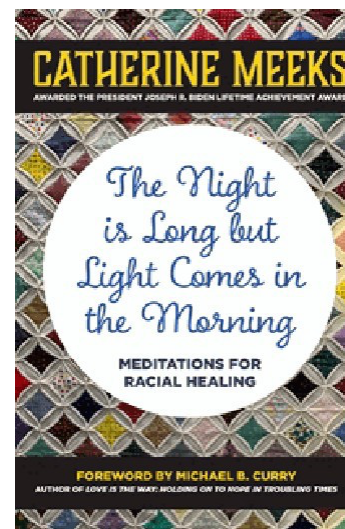
From the winner of *The President Joseph R. Biden Lifetime Achievement Award*, a spiritual guide to restoring yourself from racial trauma with moving stories of historical significance, now in paperback with a brand-new discussion guide.

Catherine Meeks has fought tirelessly to shed light on racism and provide tools and experiences to enable faith communities to work to combat it. A public speaker, expert in the media, and honored advocate of social change, she holds a unique place in the dialogue on dismantling racism. In this book, she shares powerful personal experiences that leave the reader breathless and profound insights from her lifelong journey through contemporary history and national events. She offers a much-needed meditative guide for the weary and frustrated, arguing that by looking inward and at each other clearly and with honesty, good people of all backgrounds can forge a long-term and individual path to making a difference. With thoughtful direction, she takes the reader on the trajectory from self-awareness to recognition of the past to a new and individual way forward.

Meditation topics include how to work through fear and rage, how stories can destroy but can also help heal, honoring your ancestors while looking toward the future, what it really means to love one another, and the true meaning of social justice.

“Readers will be challenged and changed by this moving work.” — *Publishers Weekly*

**Catherine Meeks**, PhD, is the former executive director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies from Wesleyan College, and the former founding executive director of the Lane Center for Social and Racial Equity. Dr. Meeks is the author of six books and was one of Georgia Trend magazine’s notable women in 2022. She is the founder of the Turquoise and Lavender Institute for Transformation and Healing, and writes regular opinion pieces for Baptist News Global. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



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## Walking with God

The 40-Day Fitness Program and Biblical Journey

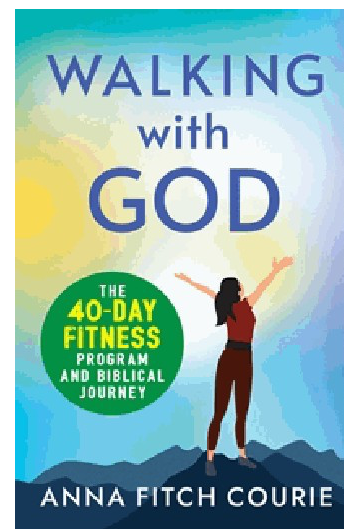
Anna Fitch Courie

From the author of *Christ Walk* comes an empowering Bible-based guide specially designed to help readers cultivate a daily physical and spiritual fitness routine over a forty-day period.

In this inspiring guide, wellness expert Anna Fitch Courie explores forty biblical journeys and how they can help us improve our physical and spiritual wellbeing. From the Israelites' trek to the promised land to the Holy Family's flight into Egypt to Paul's missionary trips throughout Rome, this book takes readers on an adventure through scripture, encouraging them to journey on foot like their biblical forebears and to contemplate the power of faith as they make their own journeys. Each chapter offers a thought-provoking passage from scripture, a spiritual lesson readers can draw from it, and actions steps they can take to incorporate physical activity into their daily life. Meant to be consumed over forty days—an ideal time period to establish a healthy, new habit—*Walking with God* promises to help readers start an invigorating fitness routine that will enrich not only their body but also their soul.

“Don't just read this book—do this book. There is no better book available to inspire and assist both individuals and congregations to start a walking program. Follow the plan outlined in this book, one step at a time, and you will strengthen not just your physical wellness but also your spiritual and emotional wellness.” —The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner, creator of Living Compass Faith Wellness Ministry and author of *Your Living Compass: Living Well in Thought, Word, and Deed*

**Anna Fitch Courie** is a US Army wife, nurse, and the author of three *Christ Walk* books and *The Adventures of Cancer Girl and God*, which features a protagonist who finds her calling where health and spirituality intersect. A consultant on building community coalitions on health, she is a graduate of Clemson University, the University of Wyoming, and Education for Ministry (EfM). She lives in Columbia, South Carolina.



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## The Gift of Baptism

Roger Hutchison

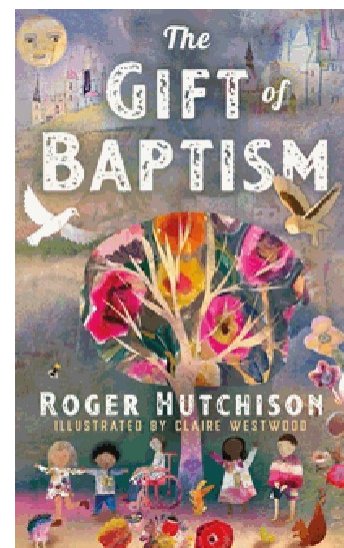
**A beautifully illustrated poetic rendering of the promise made at baptism, an ideal gift.**

Millions of people are baptized every year, most as babies, in an important and joyous family ritual. Once children reach reading age, an understanding of the meaning of their baptism is an essential part of their formation and opens up their lives to the power of Christian community. With twenty-two colorful illustrations and a vibrant concise lyrical narrative, *The Gift of Baptism* is the perfect learning tool for children embarking on their journey of faith. Its poignant style teaches readers about the Baptismal Covenant and nurtures understanding of concepts like the Holy Trinity, Jesus's teachings, and living with love at the forefront of your mind and in your actions.

A keepsake for the newly baptized, and equally valuable for any child embarking on their faith journey, this book is perfect for individuals and enriching Sunday school and youth group discussions. Parents, grandparents, godparents, educators, and spiritual mentors will find it a cherished resource for helping children understand and embrace their baptismal calling. The heartwarming illustrations and wholesome narrative make it accessible and inviting for all.

"In *The Gift of Baptism*, Hutchison sprinkles precious words like seeds for the soul, while Westwood's colorful illustrations create a world of breathtaking beauty." —Ann Marie Stephens, author of the Arithmechicks series

**Roger Hutchison** is a bestselling author and illustrator of nine books including, *The Art of Calm*, *My Favorite Color Is Blue. Sometimes.*, *The Very Best Day: the Way of Love for Children*, and *The Painting Table*. He is a recipient of the South Carolina governor's Order of the Silver Crescent Award and is an award-winning photographer. Roger serves as Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. He lives outside of Houston.



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## Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytellers

Rob James

Illustrated by Amanda Ruston

**A richly illustrated collection of stories from the New Testament.**

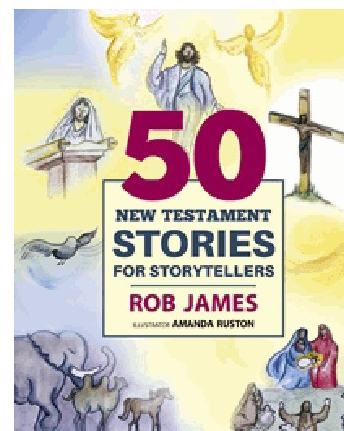
In this new children's bible, Anglican priest and biblical scholar Rob James offers adaptations of fifty stories of Jesus's life and ministry, as well as the experience of the early Church, designed for oral storytelling. From the Annunciation to the Resurrection appearances to Paul's travels, *Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytellers* introduces children to the key events of the New Testament, whether at home, in church, or in school. Each story is beautifully and diversely illustrated by Amanda Ruston, offering visual inspiration to readers and listeners alike.

Designed for new and experienced storytellers, each two-page narrative is built for dramatic verbal delivery. Ideas for enhancing the story are offered at the end of each narrative. *Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytellers* offers a fun and engaging way to introduce children to the basics of Christianity and crucial episodes in the New Testament.

"In these stories, Rob James has given us accessible and simple ways that adults and children can participate in the telling of core New Testament stories...encouraging all of us to reenter these narratives with our minds, our hearts and our bodies." —Melissa Skelton, retired Bishop of New Westminster and Archbishop of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon, and former Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia

**Rob James** has been a parish priest and Chancellor of Wells Cathedral, Somerset. Having worked for the Church of England, he then moved to Canada where he is Associate Professor at the Vancouver School of Theology. His ministry has always included large amounts of children's ministry and biblical storytelling. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Amanda Ruston** is an Anglican priest and vowed Benedictine. With more than twenty years' experience in graphic design and illustration, she has an MDiv and is pursuing doctoral work in the field of liturgy and language. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.



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## Rage Prayers

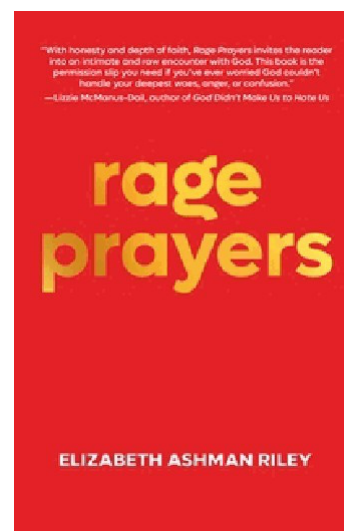
Elizabeth Ashman Riley

From heartbreak and job loss to politics and car alarms, *Rage Prayers* is a provocative invitation to smash the confines of “polite” prayer and find peace through a candid dialogue with the divine.

Forget about whispering sweet nothings into the ether—“Rage Praying” is about turning your pent-up frustrations, daily annoyances, and righteous anger into a raw and transformative dialogue with a higher power who’s ready to listen. Fed up with injustice, environmental neglect, or just the jerk who stole your parking spot? Good. Priest and social media sensation, Elizabeth Ashman Riley, has you covered, with a prayer for every peeve and a mantra for every meltdown. Dive into this daring collection and discover the liberating power of a spiritual practice that doesn’t just understand your inner turmoil but welcomes it with open arms. That means you can say goodbye to the guilt of having not-so-holy thoughts and embrace a spiritual journey that’s as real and messy as life itself. With *Rage Prayers*, you’ll learn to channel your inner fury into a profound and unapologetically honest communion with the divine.

“Our spirituality does not only exist in positivity, and there is something painfully beautiful in that honesty. Elizabeth captures all of our humanness in *Rage Prayers* and explores the side of ourselves that is often ignored from pulpits: lamenting. God is not scared of our pain. It is part of us all. Part of the divine. And should be part of our prayers. There is something in this book for everyone, and I’m thankful to have these pages to return to on darker days.”  
—April Ajoy, author of *Star-Spangled Jesus*

**Elizabeth Ashman Riley** is a priest in the Dioceses of Olympia, fostering a diverse community both in person and through her vibrant TikTok presence, where she connects with nearly 60,000 followers. She has been a steadfast board member for organizations like Young Clergy Women International and Stanford’s Lutheran Campus Ministry, focusing on fundraising and development initiatives. In 2022, her sermonizing acumen earned her the diocesan preaching award. She resides just outside of Seattle, Washington.



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## Solidarity and Mercy

The Power of Christian Humanitarian Efforts in Ukraine

Chris Herlinger

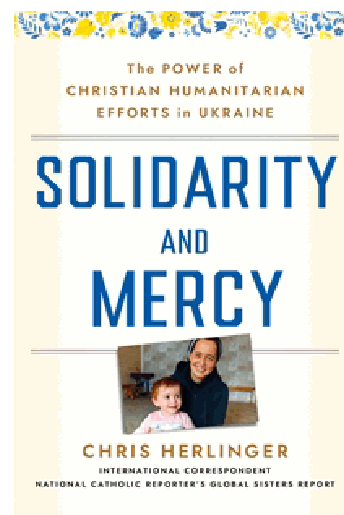
From an international correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter's* Global Sisters Report comes a powerful investigative work into the poignant acts of humanitarianism he witnessed during the Ukrainian war.

In this touching, eye-opening book, award-winning journalist Chris Herlinger spotlights the Catholic sisters, clerics, and humanitarian workers who came together to assist those affected by the war in Ukraine. Drawing from his remarkable field reports and comprehensive research into the history of the crisis, Chris recounts how people of different backgrounds joined forces to help Ukrainian survivors and refugees get to safety and survive the war.

Complemented by evocative photos taken on Ukrainian soil, *Solidarity and Mercy: The Power of Christian Humanitarian Efforts in Ukraine* explores the limitless bounds of compassion, the indomitable power of faith, and the central role coming together plays in alleviating human suffering. As readers will come to discover, standing in solidarity with the oppressed and forsaken is foundational to the faith and key to changing the world.

“A veteran author of the struggles in Haiti, Sudan, and wherever hunger looms, Chris Herlinger now tells in his penetrating and compassionate style the stories of refugees and their caregivers in war-torn Ukraine...The stories of generosity will overwhelm you and rekindle faith, hope, and love in a world hungry for stories of charity seasoned by mercy.” —David Bonior, author, former congressman from Michigan, and former Democratic whip

**Chris Herlinger** is currently an international correspondent for Global Sisters Report, a project of *National Catholic Reporter*, for which he covers the impactful humanitarian work of Catholic nuns across the globe. A New York-based freelance journalist, he has written on humanitarian and international issues for the *Christian Century*, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, and Religion News Service. Chris has also worked for Church World Service and for Episcopal Relief and Development. He lives in New York, New York.



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## Unabashed Faith

Resisting Anti-Spiritual Influences in the  
Modern World

C. Andrew Doyle

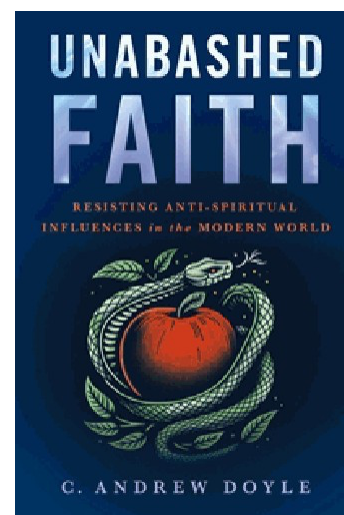
**An essential guide to resisting the challenges of modern life while staying true to the Christian faith.**

*Unabashed Faith* is a road map for living a vibrant, resilient, and authentic Christian life in today's world. Whether you're new to Christianity or looking to deepen your faith, Andy Doyle's progressive message will empower you to confront modern challenges and reinforce a practice of faith. In his accessible voice, Doyle offers a unique vision to help readers:

- learn how to recognize and resist the subtle influences of technology, propaganda, and consumerism
- discover the power of spiritual disciplines like prayer, meditation, and scripture reading to stay grounded in faith and connected to God
- appreciate the importance of a supportive faith community
- gain the confidence to speak out against injustice and idolatry and advocate for justice and compassion
- stand against societal trends that dehumanize individuals, and champion the intrinsic value of every person
- equip themselves to thoughtfully and critically engage with contemporary culture

Doyle's examination of the challenges of maintaining Christian belief in an era dominated by societal pressures offers practical, hopeful strategies for resisting anti-spiritual forces, and strengthening one's faith.

**C. Andrew Doyle**, the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, summarizes his autobiography in six words: "Met Jesus on pilgrimage; still walking." He is author of *Vocātiō*, *Unabashedly Episcopalia*, *Orgullosamente Episcopal*, *A Generous Community*, and *The Jesus Heist*. He lives in Houston, Texas.



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## Celebrating the Rites of Initiation

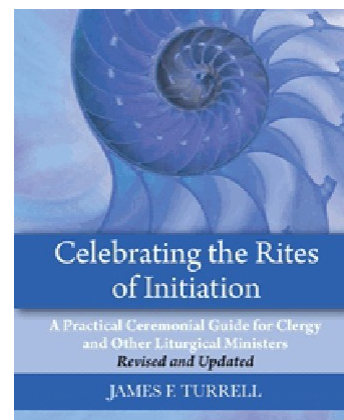
A Practical Ceremonial Guide for Clergy and  
Other Liturgical Ministers, Revised and  
Updated

James F. Turrell

**The definitive guide to the practice of rites of initiation in the church,  
revised and updated to reflect the changes of the 2022 Book of  
Occasional Services.**

In a new and updated edition, James Turrell offers a guide to the celebration of the rites of baptism, confirmation, and receipt. He provides readers with notes and background thinking on planning the ideal time to undergo these important rituals. Through careful guidance, Turrell leads clergy members and other church leaders through the steps of major Christian ceremonies. Reflecting a more inclusive society, he writes on recent changes to the catechumenate and the restructuring of rites for preparing for confirmation or reception. This new edition is revised to include updated information from the 2022 *Book of Occasional Services*.

**James F. Turrell** teaches liturgy at the School of Theology of the University of the South, where he also serves as dean. He has served on the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, where he led a committee that revised the rites for the catechumenate in the *Book of Occasional Services*. He is a priest of the Diocese of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania. He lives in Sewanee, Tennessee.



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## Faithful, Creative, Hopeful

Fifteen Theses for Christians in a  
Crisis-Shaped World

Jesse A. Zink

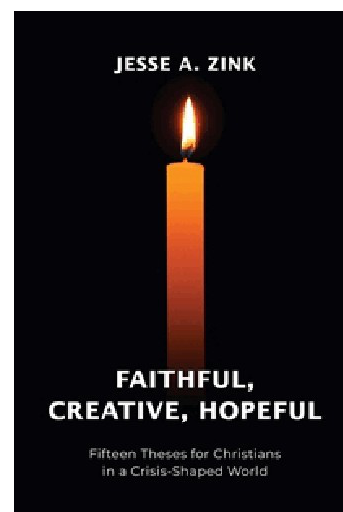
**An urgent argument for the centrality of Christian witness in the world.**

The world is changing rapidly. Between climate change, an unequal economic system, and widespread human migration, our societies are under stress and strain like never before. And just at the moment when the world needs to hear good news, many people perceive the Christian church as too old, tired, or out of touch to respond.

In *Faithful, Creative, Hopeful*, Jesse Zink demonstrates the importance of the Christian gospel and its witness to the flourishing of human societies. Zink offers fifteen theses—echoing those of the church reformers—that together offer a vision for a renewed faith and church in this crisis-shaped world. From the future of the Eucharist to the nature of Christian hope, from the challenges of neoliberal capitalism to the joys of local community, Zink skillfully weaves together theology, scripture, liturgy, congregational ministry, and on-the-ground experience of church in a variety of contexts to provoke, motivate, and challenge Christians to renew their ministry and live our mission in a changing and challenging world.

“In clear, direct, and vigorous prose, Jesse Zink situates the crisis of the church in the context of the global crises of climate, economics, and migration, and gives a clear-eyed response. Facing squarely our objective uncertainty regarding the world’s future, his fifteen theses outline concrete acts of Christian witness shaped by the certainty of God’s enduring faithfulness.” —Ian McFarland, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

**Jesse Zink** is the principal of Montreal Dio, an ecumenical theological college affiliated with McGill University, and canon theologian in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. He was born in Canada and raised and ordained in the Episcopal Church. His previous books include *Backpacking through the Anglican Communion* and *A Faith for the Future*. He lives in Montreal, Quebec.



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## A Manual for Altar Guilds

Theology, History, and Practice

Robert Picken

**An essential volume spanning the theology, tradition, and practical considerations of altar guild ministry.**

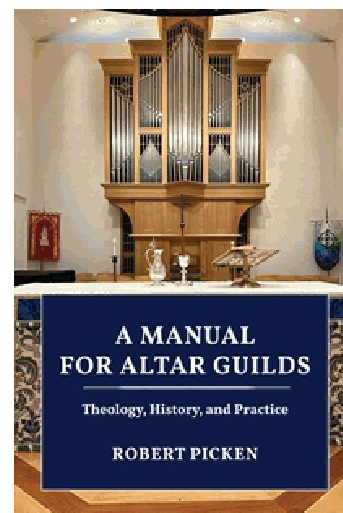
This necessary and practical guide is designed to function as a theological, formational, and spiritual resource for any altar guild member. Peppared with scripture and prayers, it examines the history and tradition of the noble office and elevates the altar guild role as a vocation in the life of our church. Offering definitions, instructions, and illustrations, this volume has what you need to prepare for every liturgical season, as well as a guide for special services, including weddings, funerals, ordinations, and visits from the bishop. The volume will address modern challenges for this ministry arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, including health and safety and the rise of virtual worship services, as well as unique opportunities for leadership in a changing ecclesial landscape.

The congregations of the Episcopal Church are richly varied in architecture, custom, tradition, style of worship, and practice. *Manual for Altar Guilds* will serve as a foundational resource and guide for this essential ministry, providing practical yet flexible guidance that can be easily adapted to meet the unique needs of your congregation and the changing times.

“In both a practical and spiritual way, Canon Picken has captured the essence of the incarnational self-giving of those who prepare for the community’s liturgies. He offers necessary insight and depth into the practical theology which is at the center of our encounter with the holy and the missional motivation to share Christ’s gift of self in the world.”

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## The Complete Guide to Godly Play

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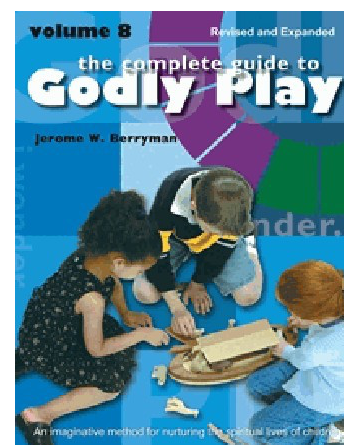
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## The Crisis of Christian Nationalism

Report from the House of Bishops Theology Committee

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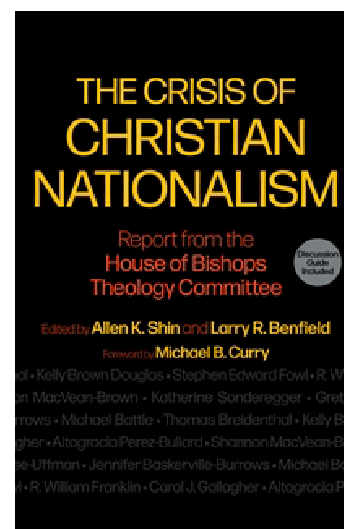
Foreword by Michael B. Curry

**An urgent call for awareness of the dangers of Christian nationalism, including the origins and implications.**

In 2022, Bishop Curry charged the House of Bishops Theology Committee to study Christian nationalism, an issue that has increasingly come to the forefront of conversations surrounding Christianity, democracy, and white supremacy. The committee's methodology in an Anglican framework of scripture, tradition, reason, and liturgy sheds light on the foundation of the movement and a path forward. They argue that it is sinful and violates the first and second of the Ten Commandments. Through careful examination of Christian nationalism, the Theology Committee warns members of the church not to fall into its trap, but instead to be a light to the world.

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## How to Hit the Ground Running

A Quick-Start Guide for Congregations with  
New Leadership, Revised Edition

Neal O. Michell

**The definitive guide to changes in congregational leadership, revised to reflect the needs of today's church.**

Designed for the clergy and lay leadership of congregations in the midst of transitions, this volume offers a quick-start guide to help clergy and lay leadership with topics from defining mission to developing effective decision-making processes. *How to Hit the Ground Running* contains a program for an effective leadership change that begins one month before a transition and continues for the first eighteen months of a new pastor's, priest's, or rector's tenure.

With this revision, author Neal Michell has updated the text throughout to reflect current concerns of church leaders, including more coverage of leadership in small congregations and approaches to empowering lay leaders. Designed in a user-friendly format, the volume includes step-by-step guidance and exercises to ensure that, rather than being stalled and directionless, a period of transition is dynamic and purposeful.

*"How to Hit the Ground Running* is addressed to Episcopal priests, yet the examples readily apply to Presbyterian churches. It's an appropriate choice for a pastor in their first call, and its hands-on guidance will be just as applicable to more experienced pastors in transition, as well as to volunteer leaders and church governing boards wondering how to best work with a new pastor."

—*The Presbyterian Outlook*

**Neal O. Michell** is an Episcopal priest and consultant for congregational development who has served as Canon to the Ordinary and Canon for Strategic Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. A former practicing attorney, he has been a priest at churches of various sizes in Texas and in Tennessee, where he planted a church in Germantown that grew rapidly. He has led vestry retreats and workshops, focusing on vision casting and leadership development. He has also gone on short-term mission trips to Ukraine, South Africa, Mexico, and Honduras. He is the author of *How to Hit the Ground Running: A Quick-Start Guide for Congregations with New Leadership* and *Beyond Business as Usual: Vestry Leadership Development*, in addition to numerous articles. He lives in Dallas, Texas.

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## Why Church?

Christianity as It Was Meant to Be

Scott Cowdell

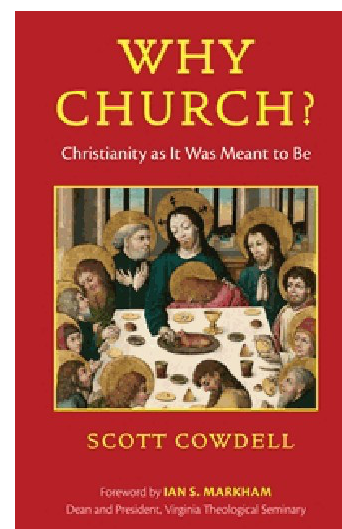
**An argument for the centrality of the Eucharistic church in an increasingly tribal world.**

As Western culture has secularized, the church has increasingly become marginalized and is seen as providing support and optional resources, rather than indispensable to the Christian life. In this volume, theologian Scott Cowdell argues for a recovery of the church as the proper context for Christian faith, life, and mission. In *Why Church?* Cowdell considers how we have arrived at this moment, examining how perceptions of the church have changed in response to increasing individualism and institutional failings. Suggesting that the Eucharistic Church embodies Christ's desire to draw humankind to him, Cowdell shows how the Christian life depends on Christian community.

Written with adult formation in mind and from a perspective of generous orthodoxy, *Why Church?* makes a provocative case for the centrality of the church to Christian life. Discussion questions at the conclusion of each chapter offer provocative conversation starters for any adult education group.

"Too often the faithful sacramental Christian life has been dismissed as 'inherited Church.' Scott Cowdell helps us to see the Church freshly, as if for the first time, and shows its central importance as the steady heartbeat of our life in God. He compares trying to embody God's love without it as trying to surf without a surfboard. We ignore his vision at our peril." —Alison Milbank, professor of theology and literature at Nottingham University

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# Leadership in a Shrinking Church

Finding New Vision in Unlikely Places

William H. Harrison

**Theological and practical reflections on demographic change in the church.**

Numerous churches are contending with the challenges posed by declining membership and attendance. While these trends have most recently been ascribed to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trajectory predates the pandemic and is likely to continue beyond it. William Harrison takes the perspective that demographic decline is merely a reality, rather than a failure to be resolved with new strategies, and examines the theological and ecclesiological questions posed by a shrinking church.

In theological and practical reflections, Harrison examines the twin crises of identity and leadership facing the church, arguing that in response to demographic change, churches must renew their outward focus on evangelism and service. These characteristics of a diaconal church are rooted in sacramental life and self-understanding in a sacramental world. At the same time, leaders must find ways to support these activities while managing decline. *Leadership in a Shrinking Church* connects theological reflection to mission by identifying some of the challenges presented by decline and connecting them to productive responses.

**William Harrison** is president of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. He is a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada and rostered pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He has both taught and served in leadership roles with the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and the Kootenay School of Ministry. Dr. Harrison has served in diocesan roles with the Anglican Dioceses of Kootenay and Huron and in parish ministry. His PhD is in systematic theology, from Boston College, with a dissertation on Richard Hooker's ecclesiological method. He has an MA in English literature from the University of British Columbia, a BTh from University of Ottawa/St. Paul University, an Honours BA in Political Science from Carleton University, and a Professional Leadership Certificate from the University of Regina. He lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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## A Queer Lectionary

(Im)proper Readings from the Margins - Year A

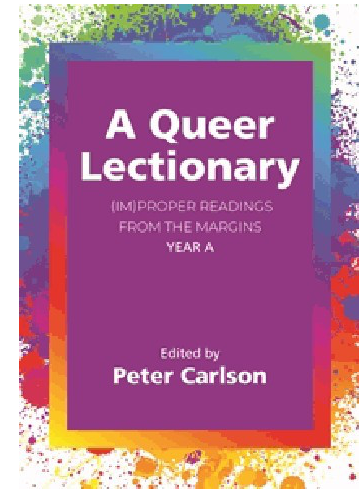
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**From an interdenominational group of preachers and scholars, a queer commentary reflects recent concerns regarding the LGBTQ+ rights.**

This preaching resource features commentaries on every Sunday and feast day reading in the Revised Common Lectionary from an interdenominational group of scholars and homeleticians. Offering queer interpretations of biblical texts, the series is designed to support preachers in crafting sermons that convey a message of liberation, rather than one that reinforces the power structures of the world.

*A Queer Lectionary* features commentators from a variety of liturgical traditions, including clergy and scholars from the Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Metropolitan Community Churches, and beyond. Written to enable preachers to engage with every assigned text, each volume features commentary on every lectionary reading, including both Old Testament options in the summer.

**Peter Carlson** is a scholar of religious history and gender. Their work has focused on constructions of masculinity and femininity in the late medieval and early modern periods, as well as theologies of sexuality and gender construction across religious traditions. A graduate of Claremont Graduate University and Wheaton College, Carlson was a fellow at Lincoln College Oxford. They are currently associate professor of religion at California Lutheran University, where they regularly teach courses in gender and queer theology and direct the gender and women's studies minor. A committed Episcopalian, Carlson has presented to religious groups on the history of the Christian church, the pursuit and quality of sacred space, medieval history, and the history of gender and marriage. They also preach regularly. Carlson lives in Thousand Oaks, California.



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## Embracing the Mixed Ecology

Inherited and New Forms of Christian  
Community Flourishing Together

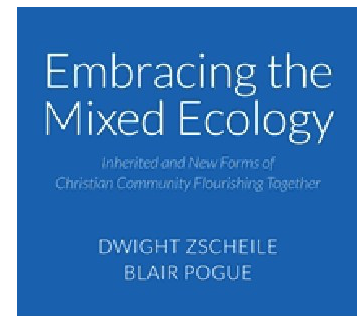
Dwight J. Zscheile and Blair A. Pogue

**A guide to the diverse forms of Christian community that are needed today.**

Throughout its history, the church thrived when it embraced diverse organizational and cultural forms. In this volume, Dwight Zscheile and Blair Pogue argue that as American culture shifts away from voluntary association and toward individual self-expression, most existing congregations are bound to inherited forms of church that are not designed to connect with neighbors or form disciples. Taking the Church of England's efforts over two decades to engage its deeply changed missionary context as an example, the authors build on historical and contemporary precedent to argue that the renewal of the church requires a new paradigm where inherited and innovative forms of church coexist and thrive together. Examining numerous innovations—including fresh expressions of church, megachurches, microchurches, church plants, digital churches, and more—the authors show how a mixed ecology is central to church renewal.

**Dwight J. Zscheile** is professor of congregational mission and leadership at Luther Seminary and associate priest at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Recognized as one of the leading theologians in the Episcopal Church today, Zscheile also serves on the Episcopal Church's Special Task Force on Structure. In addition to *People of the Way*, he is coauthor with Craig Van Gelder, of *The Missional Church in Perspective*, and editor of *Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation*. He lives in North Oaks, Minnesota.

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## Bound Together

Baptism, Eucharist, and the Church

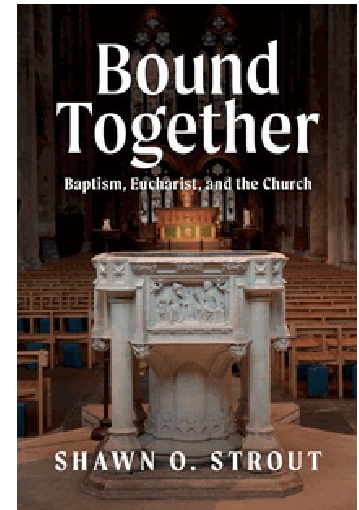
Shawn O. Strout

**An exploration—and an affirmation—of the connection between the Church’s sacraments of initiation.**

Inviting the unbaptized to participate in the Eucharist has become an increasingly common practice in churches, as Christian communities explore ways to use the sacraments as an expression of openness and service. In this volume, sacramental theologian Shawn Strout reconsiders this trend. Arguing from church history, sacramental theology, and liturgical practice, Strout shows how baptism and the Eucharist form an indissoluble bond that is central to Christian initiation and community. The book’s conclusion turns to pastoral considerations and ecumenical relationships, showing the significance of the traditional *ordo* of baptism and Eucharist for the church. An important text for clergy, scholars, and church leaders, *Bound Together: Baptism, Eucharist, and the Church* offers important reflections on an issue of pressing concern.

“For all those who feel that the words ‘hospitality’ and ‘inclusivity’ are a sufficient justification for ‘communion without baptism,’ the Rev. Dr. Shawn Strout’s book is a must read. All the bases are covered—biblical, historical, ecumenical—and the case is utterly persuasive. He shows that theological coherence requires that we keep the bond and order between baptism and the Eucharist. Elegantly written, thorough in research, Dr. Strout now joins the ranks of the leading Episcopal and Anglican theologians ready to provide deep counsel on contentious questions of the leadership of the church.”  
—Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary and the President of The General Theological Seminary

**Shawn O. Strout** is Assistant Professor of Worship and Associate Dean of Chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD from the Catholic University of America in liturgical studies and sacramental theology. He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles for journals such as *Worship*, *The Anglican Theological Review*, *Studia Liturgica*, and *Anglican and Episcopal History*. He is the author of three books, including *Of Thine Own Have We Given Thee: A Liturgical Theology of the Offertory in Anglicanism*, *Shepherding Souls: A Handbook for the Pastoral Offices*, and *Bound Together: Baptism, Eucharist, and the Church*. Strout has been ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church for over ten years. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia.



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# Conversations in Global Anglican Theology

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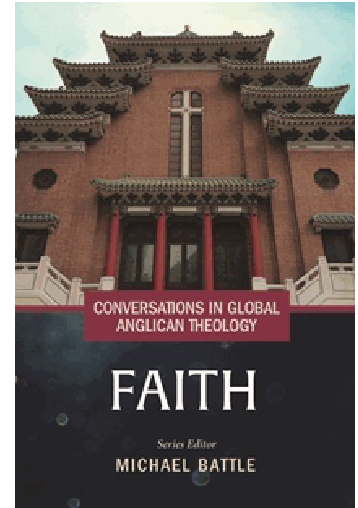
**Reflections on urgent theological issues by established and emerging scholars across the Anglican Communion.**

Featuring contributions by a diverse group of theologians from the North and South, including Thandi Gamedze, Henry Mbaya, and Stephen Spencer, the Conversations in Global Anglican Theology series addresses the most pressing questions facing the churches of the Anglican Communion. From classical issues such as the *Imagio Dei* and atonement theology to contemporary challenges such as interfaith relations and the interaction of church and state, the series features thought-provoking essays by established and emerging scholars.

This first volume, edited by Michael Battle, considers questions of faith and their impact across the Anglican communion. Featuring contributions from writers across the Anglican communion, including Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the volume examines the first of Richard Hooker's pillars of Anglicanism from a variety of perspectives.

"This important book and series promises not just to challenge western dominance in Anglican theological discourse in theory, but to model alternative ways of doing theology centered in the Global South in practice. Its specific and deep (but not exclusive) connection with South Africa makes this more than an abstraction, and uses the inspiring and liberative experience of that place and the Church there as a concrete example of how Anglican theology, and the core notion of Communion itself, may be renewed." —Andrew McGowan, Dean and President, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale

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## Mary of Nazareth

The Mother of Jesus as Remembered by the Earliest Christians

Christopher Bryan

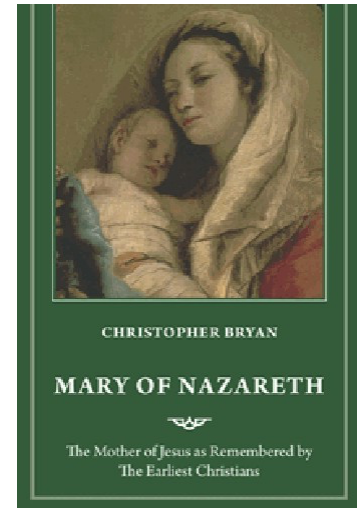
**A theology of Mary's role in the incarnation as it was understood by the earliest Christians.**

A central figure in Christian tradition, Mary of Nazareth, the mother of Jesus, is both pivotal in theologies of the incarnation and a source of theological controversy. In this volume, bible scholar and priest Christopher Bryan examines the role of Mary in the theology of the first generations of Christians. Considering every reference to Mary in the New Testament in the order that the biblical texts were written, *Mary of Nazareth* situates biblical texts' treatment of Mary within first-century culture and examines changing theologies of Mary and the incarnation among the earliest generations of Christians. The book concludes with Bryan's reflections on Christian memories of Mary and their implications for some historical theological controversies.

Ideal for Bible study or group discussion, *Mary of Nazareth* makes current biblical scholarship accessible and engaging. Study questions conclude each chapter, and further notes in the back of the book invite interested readers to dig deeper.

"Bryan winsomely combines deep scholarship, theological insight, profound piety, and accessible prose. This work is a moving meditation on Mary of Nazareth as she exists in the pages of the New Testament and the Christian imagination." —Robert MacSwain, PhD, Associate Professor of Theology, the School of Theology, Sewanee: the University of the South

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