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WELCOME TO
PATHFINDERS!



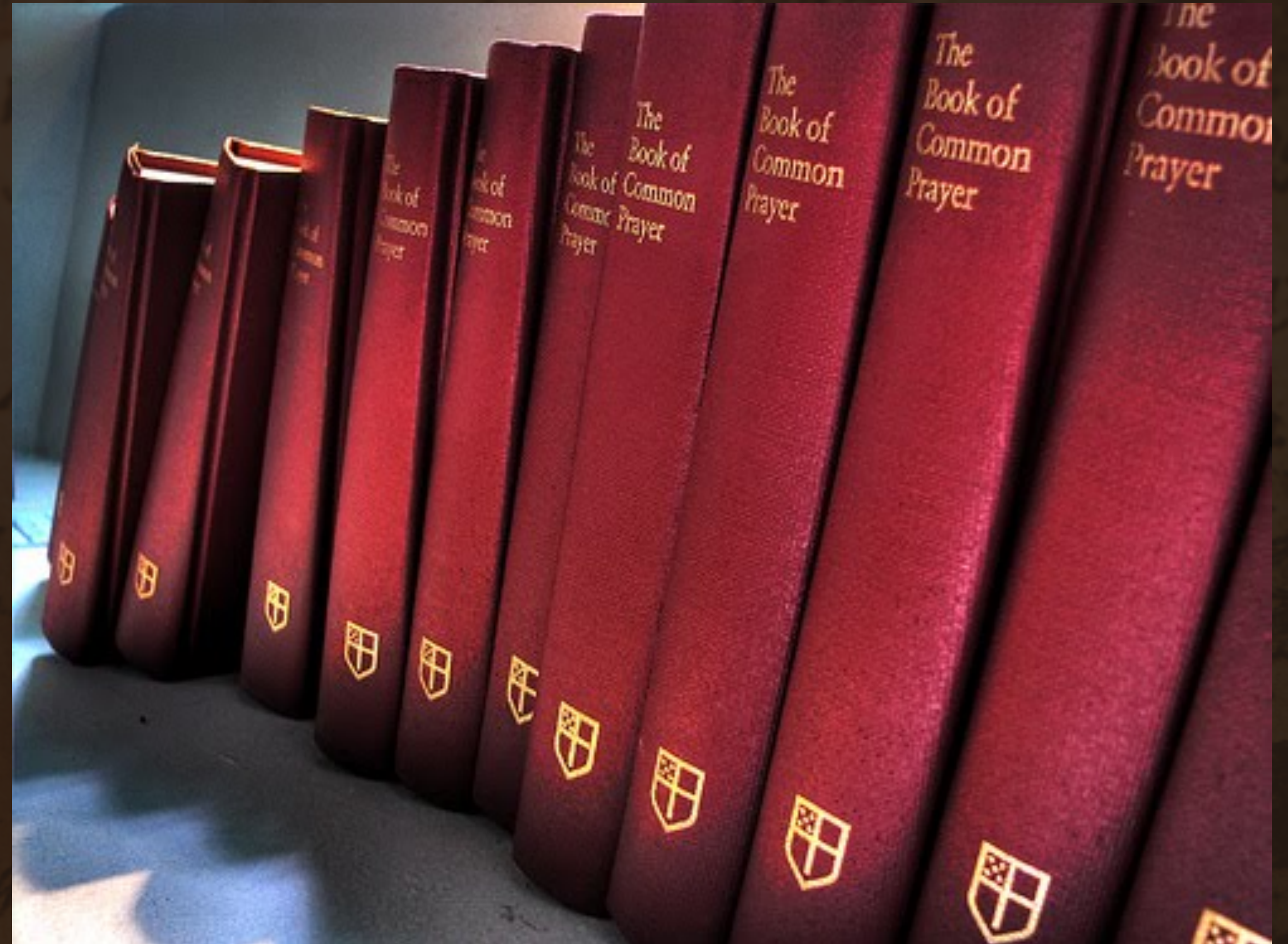
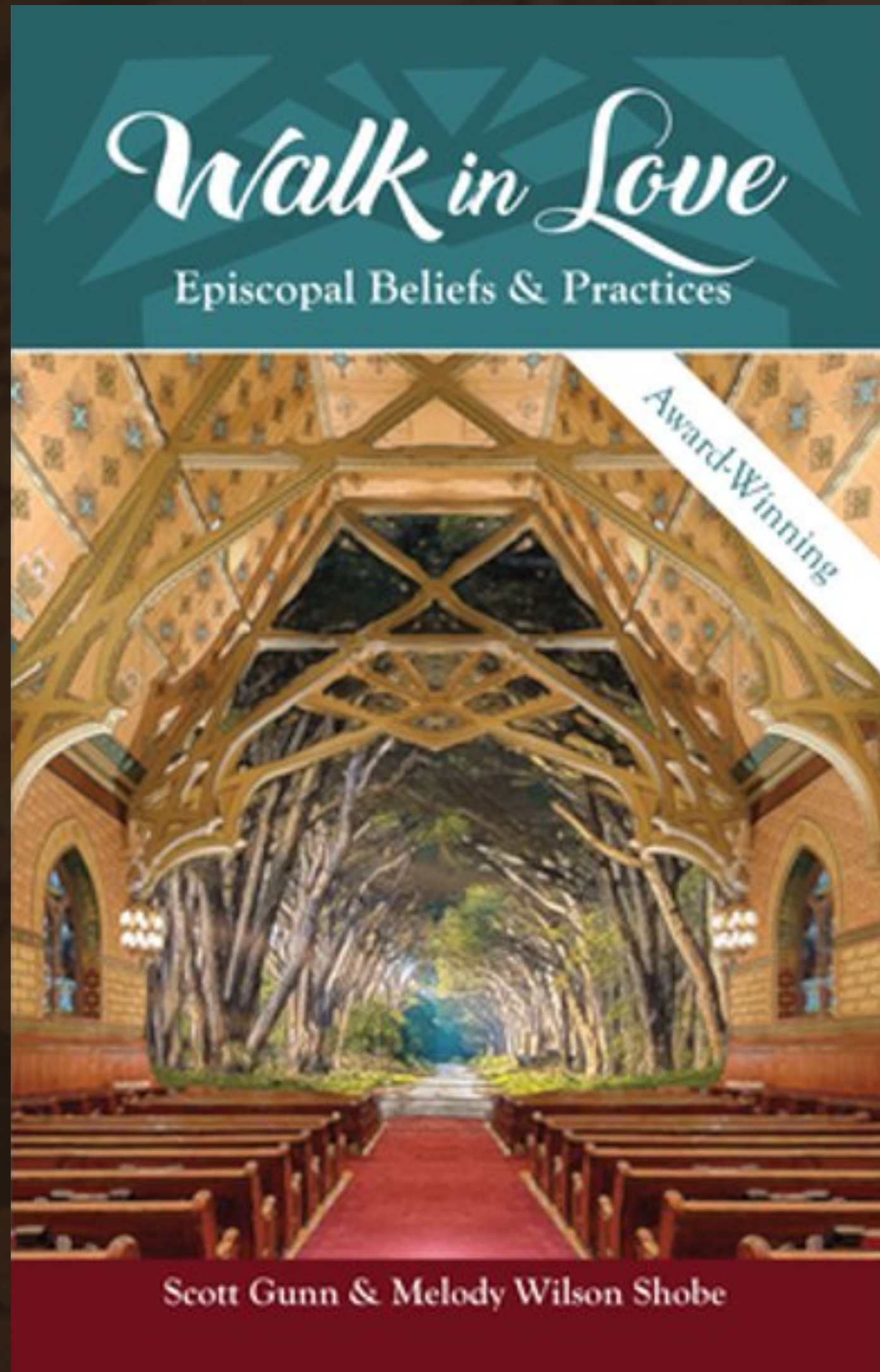
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NEXT STEPS

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BAPTISM



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CONFIRMATION



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CONFIRMATION

For those who have already been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but who have never been confirmed, or the equivalent in another tradition.



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RECEPTION

For those who have been Confirmed, or the equivalent In another tradition, and wish to be formally Welcomed into the Episcopal Church, and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.



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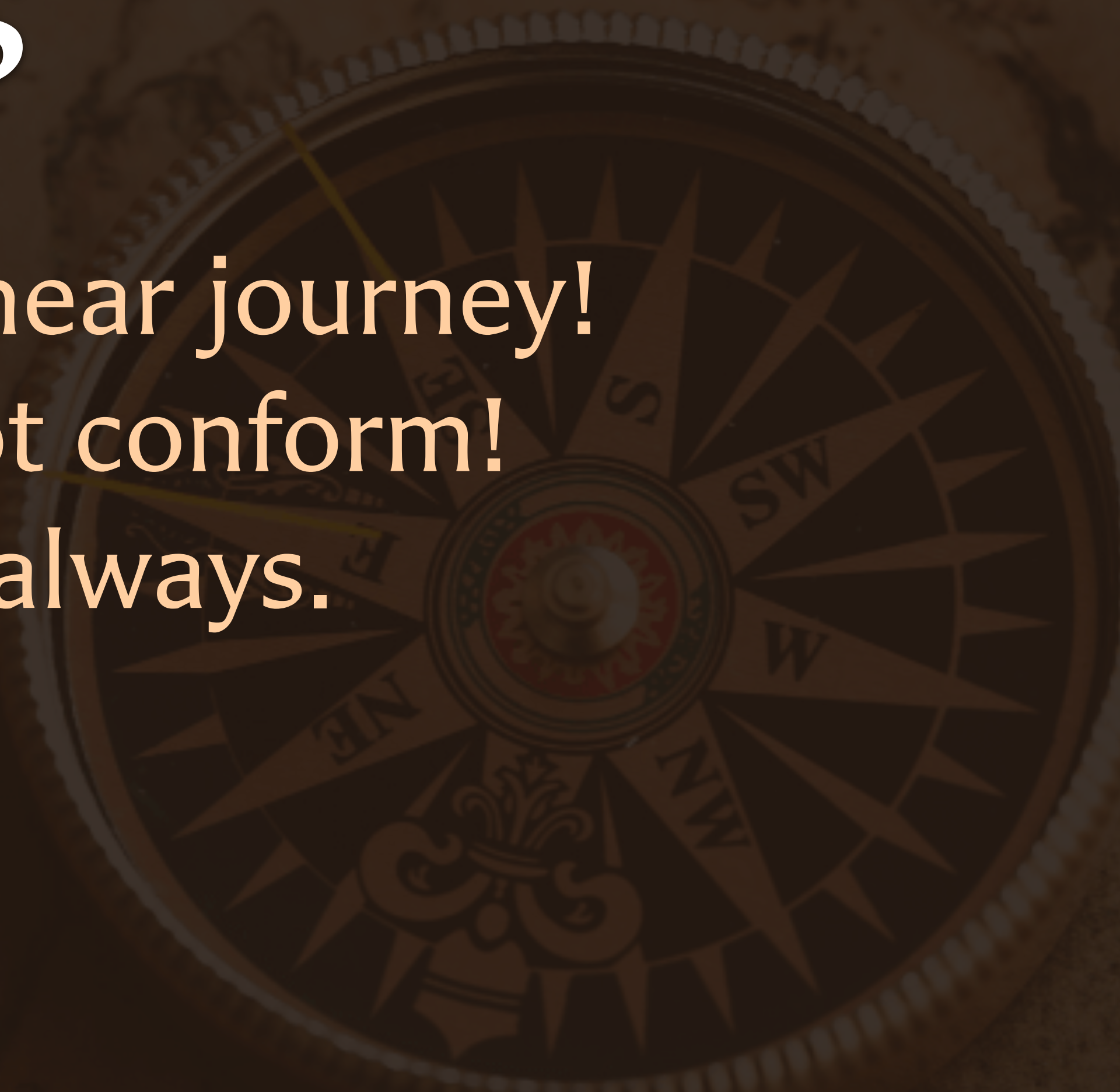
REAFFIRMATION

For confirmed Episcopalians
who would like to renew
their baptismal vows.



Key Assumptions

- Faith is a lifelong, non-linear journey!
- No pressure. Confirm, not conform!
- You belong, already and always.

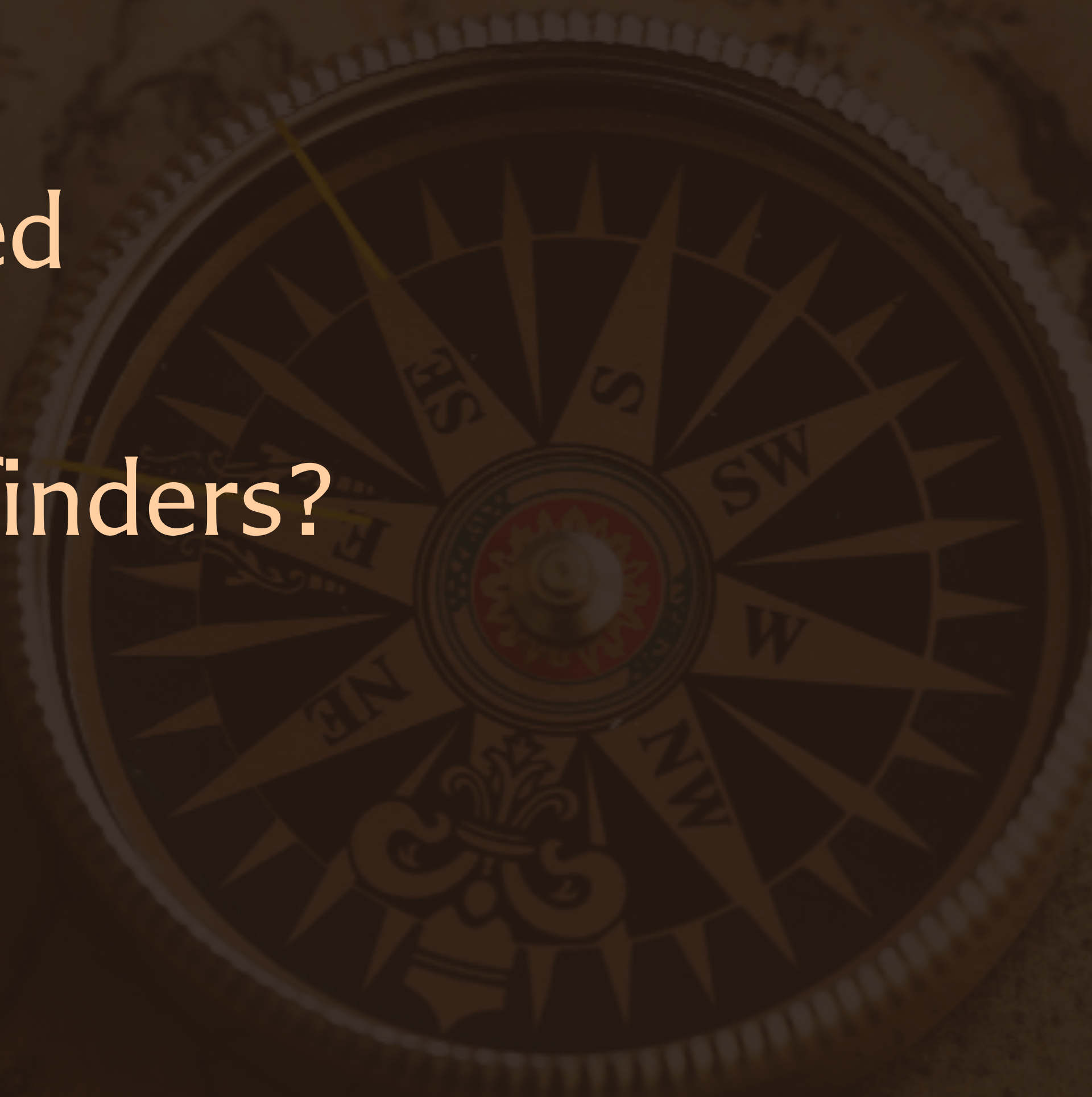


Group Norms

- Curiosity, Inquiry, and Wonder as Values
- “I” Statements
- Step up, Step Back, Make Space
- Okay to pass
- Confidentiality: Lessons leave but stories stay

20-Second INTROS

- Name, pronouns if desired
- Where is home for you?
- What brings you to Pathfinders?



An aerial photograph of St. Bart's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The cathedral is a large, light-colored stone Gothic Revival building with multiple tall, slender spires and a prominent rose window. It is surrounded by green trees, and a cityscape is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

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What is an Anglican?

The Episcopal Church belongs to a family of churches known as the Anglican Communion. Episcopalians are Anglicans, and the Episcopal Church is the United States' member of the Anglican Communion. Episcopal and Anglican are sometimes used interchangeably.

What is an Anglican?

With 85 million members, the Anglican Communion is the third largest family of churches around the world, and the largest such Protestant group.

What is an Anglican?

With other Christians, we share a belief in the Holy Trinity, Baptism, Communion, the Apostles' Creed, and a reverence for the Bible as containing all things necessary to salvation.

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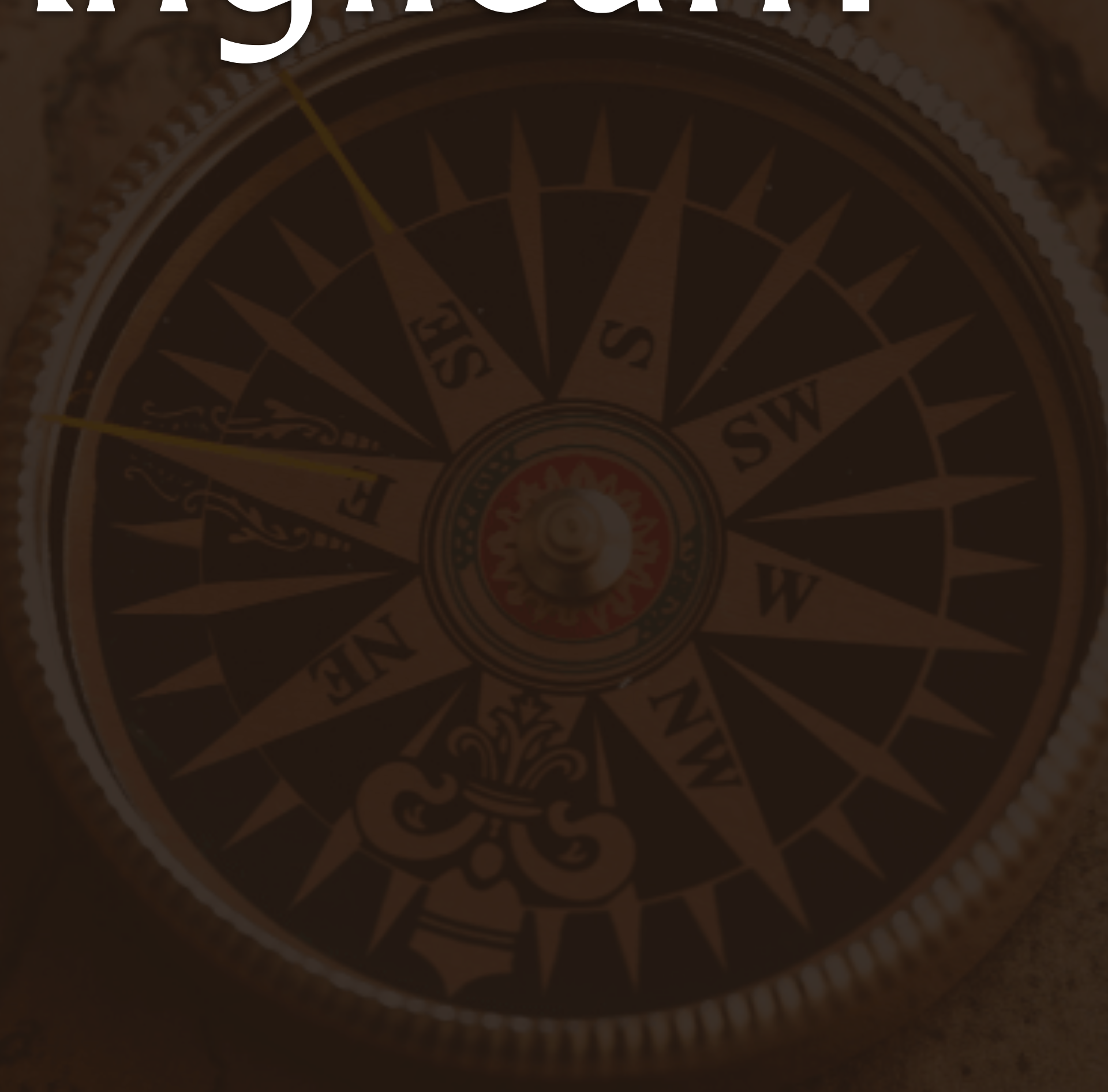
We are committed to prayer and worship, social witness, justice, peace, and reconciliation. We believe the “Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it,” and seek to be faithful stewards of all God has given us as we seek to build his Kingdom on earth.

Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



GLOBAL AND LOCAL

An Expression of Christianity that strives to be universal and local, globally aware and contextually responsive. At its best, embraces cultural diversity.



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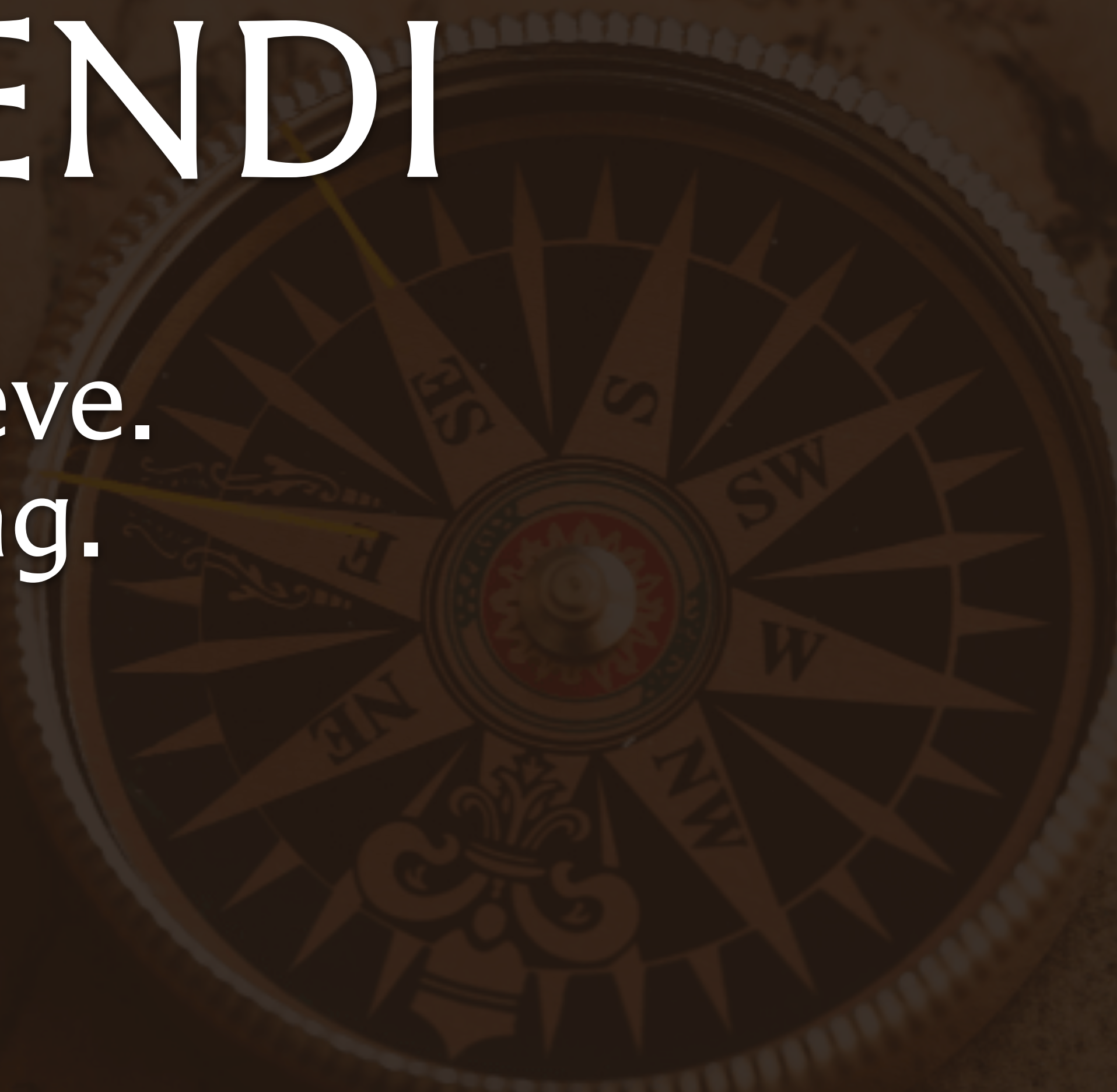
The Middle Way

Between:

- Protestantism and Roman Catholicism
- “Low Church” and “High Church”
- Memorialist view of the Eucharist and Transubstantiation

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As we pray, so we believe.
Praying shapes believing.

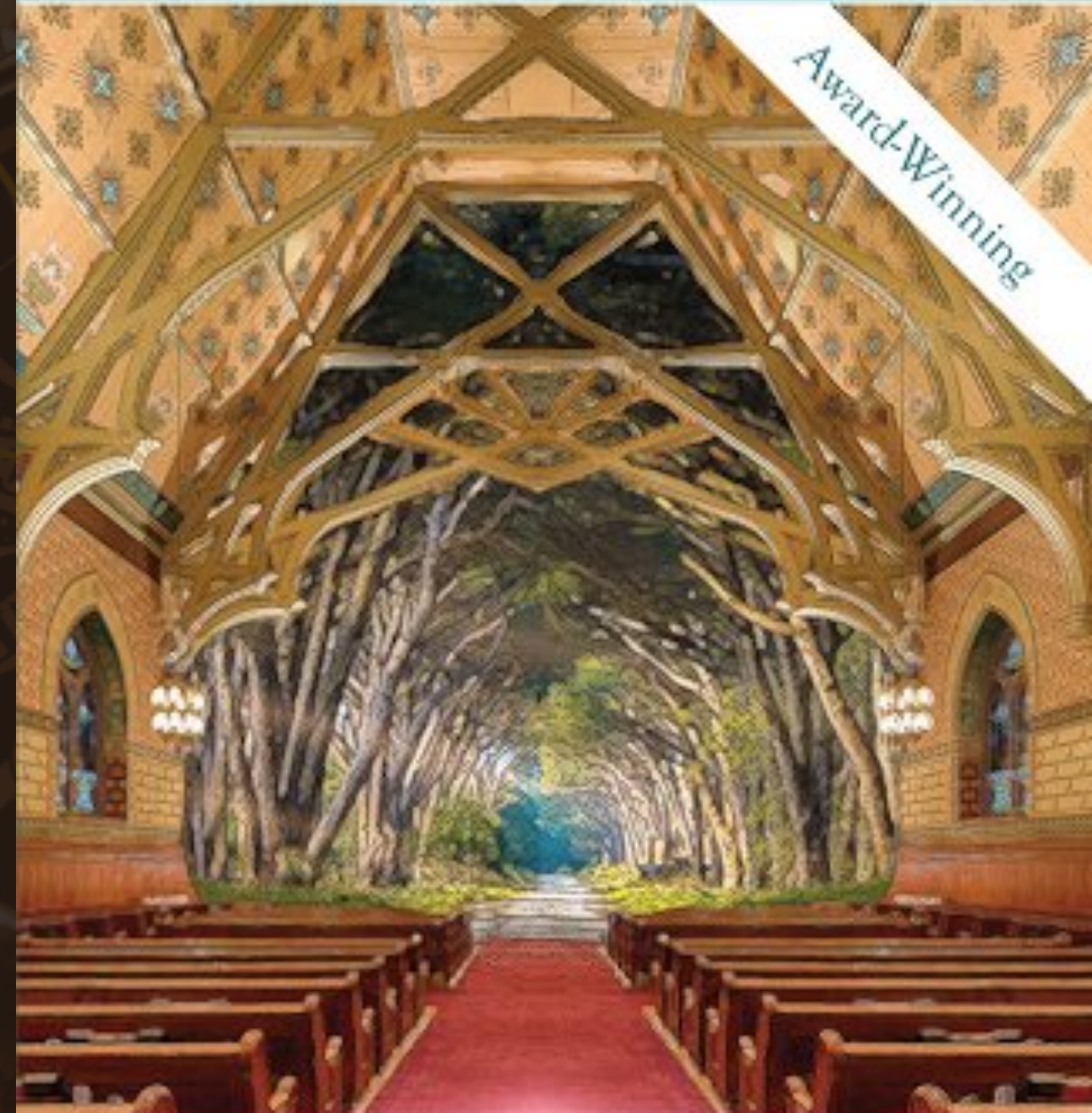


IMMERSIVE AND EMBODIED

Walk in Love

Episcopal Beliefs & Practices

Award-Winning








AARON NIEQUIST

THE ETERNAL CURRENT


How a Practice-Based Faith
Can Save Us from Drowning






A group of people are seated at a round table in a rustic restaurant. The background features a textured stone wall and warm, ambient lighting from hanging candles. The table is set with plates of food, glasses of water, and a small candle holder with two lit candles. The people are engaged in conversation and eating. The text "Immersive Christianity reorients our hearts, minds, and bodies towards what really matters for life." is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Immersive Christianity reorients our hearts, minds, and bodies towards what really matters for life.

A group of people are seated around a round table in a restaurant or bar. The background is a rustic stone wall. Several lit candles are on the table, providing warm lighting. The table is set with plates of food, glasses of water, and a large wooden bowl. The people are engaged in conversation and eating. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

Amidst all the stories society tells us, the Gospel reprograms us towards another story — one that upends all our earthly expectations and assumptions.

A group of people are seated at a round table in a restaurant with a rustic stone wall background. The table is set with plates of food, glasses, and several lit candles. A man in the center is smiling and looking towards the camera. Other people are visible in the background, some looking at their phones. The lighting is warm and dim, creating a cozy atmosphere.

Survival of the fittest.
You are what you do.
People don't/can't change.
Obsession with productivity.
Wealth = Happiness.

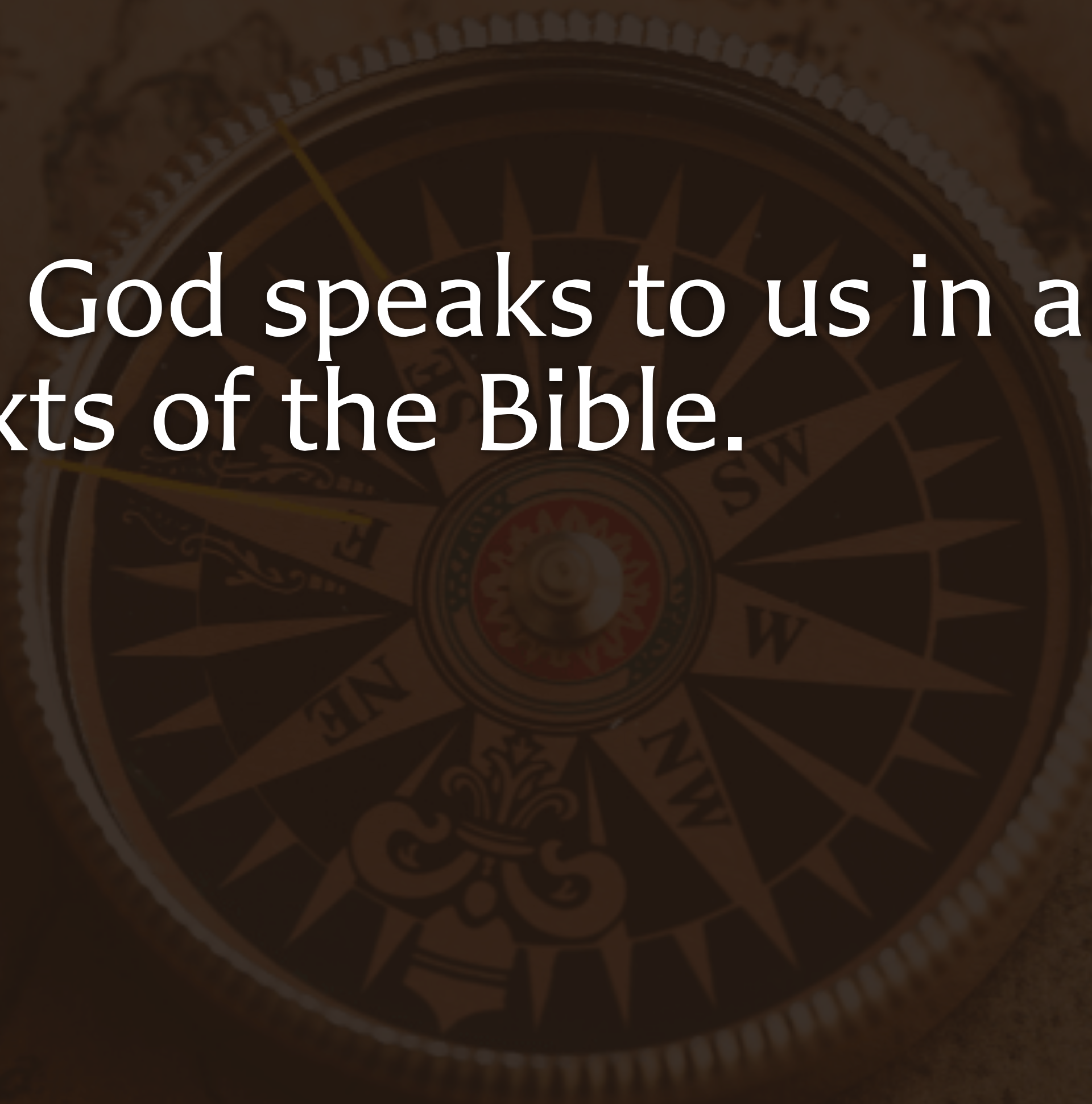
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I. Scripture

Anglicans believe that God speaks to us in and through the sacred texts of the Bible.



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II. Tradition

Scripture must be interpreted in the context of history and community — in conversation with those beside us and those behind us. We gain wisdom and clarity of discernment from the communion of saints across time and space.

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III. Reason

We take into account human reason, science, and modern wisdom. We believe God blessed humanity with intellect.

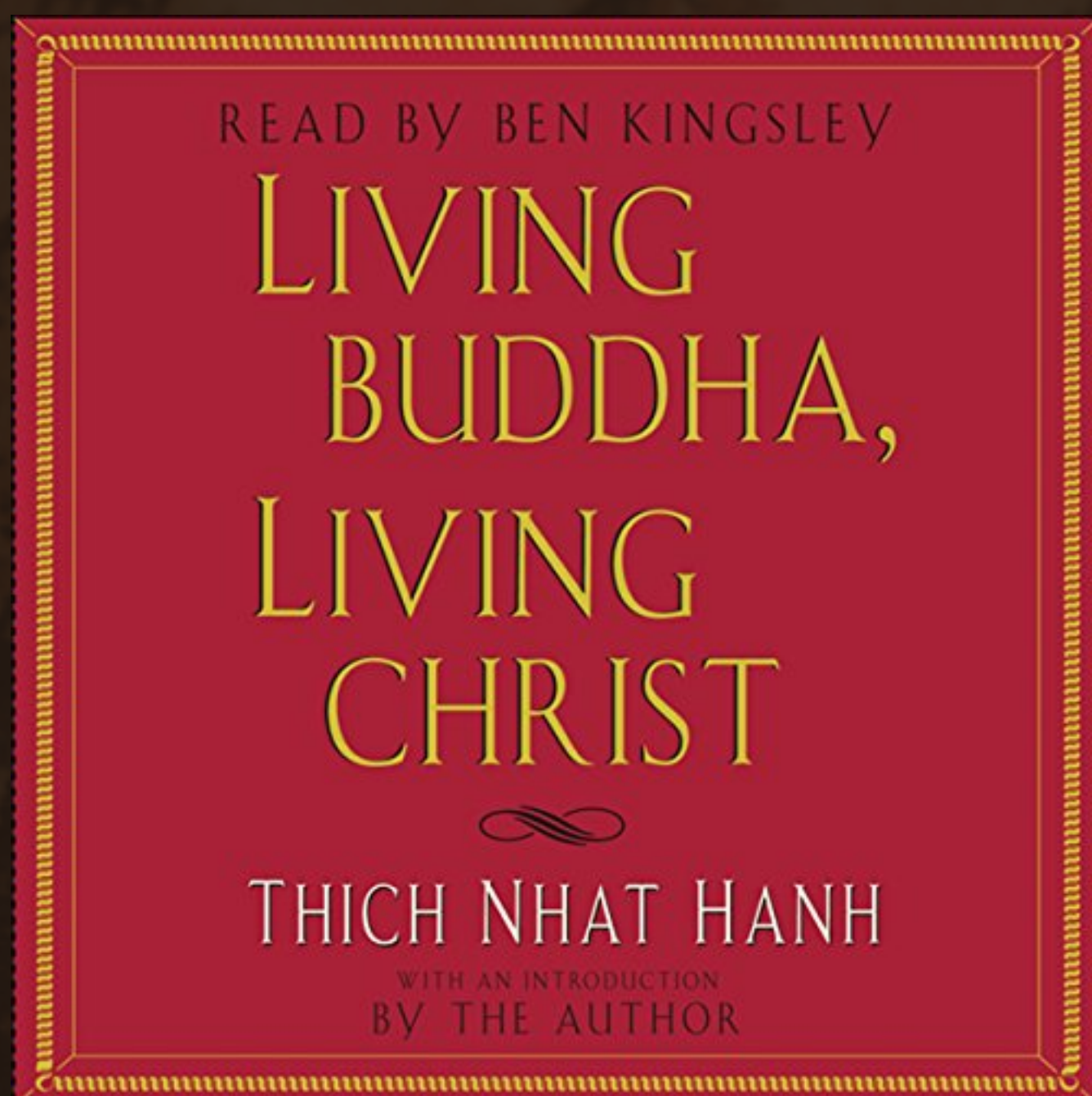
He died to
take away your sins.
Not your mind.



 The Episcopal Church

A Mere Christianity

Anglicanism is historically a “Big-Tent” tradition, which allows us to borrow, embrace, and draw from a wide spectrum of Christian (and neighboring) traditions and experiences — and do so with integrity.



Top 10 Reasons for Being an Episcopalian

(according to Robin Williams, that is)

- ⑩ No snake handling.**
- ⑨ You can believe in dinosaurs.**
- ⑧ Male and female, God created them; male and female we ordain them.**
- ⑦ You don't have to check your brains at the door.**
- ⑥ Pew aerobics.**
- ⑤ Church year is color coded.**
- ④ Free wine on Sunday.**
- ③ All of the pageantry, none of the guilt.**
- ② You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.**
- ① No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.**

Pathfinders In Scripture



The Road to Damascus



The Road to Emmaus



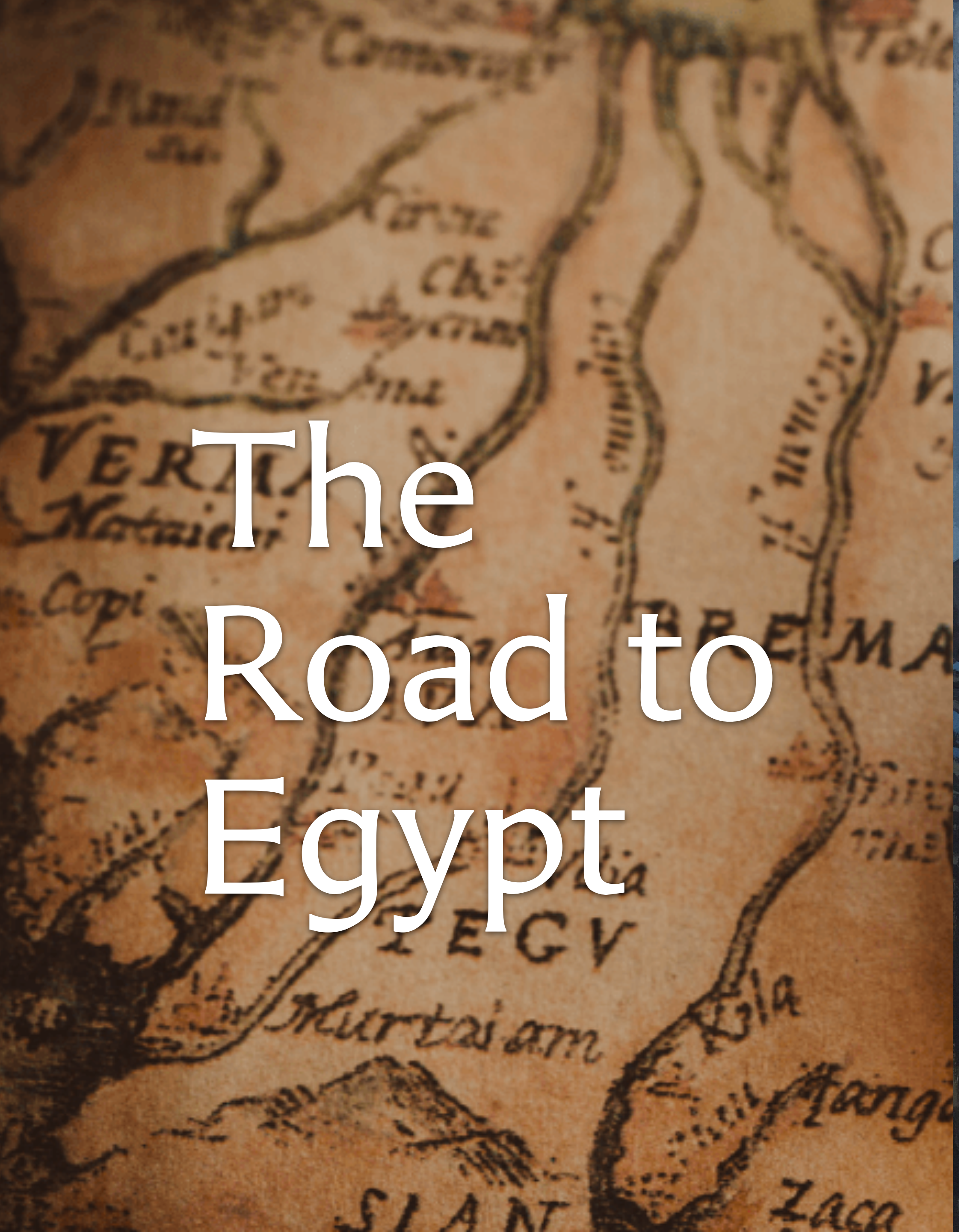


The Ethiopian Eunuch

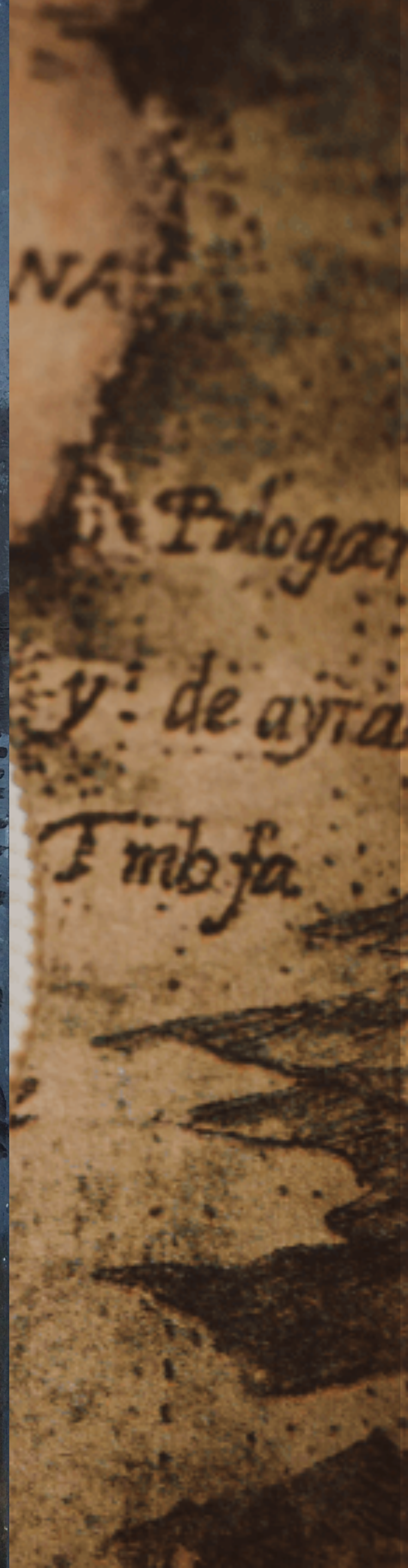


Journey of the Magi





The Road to Egypt

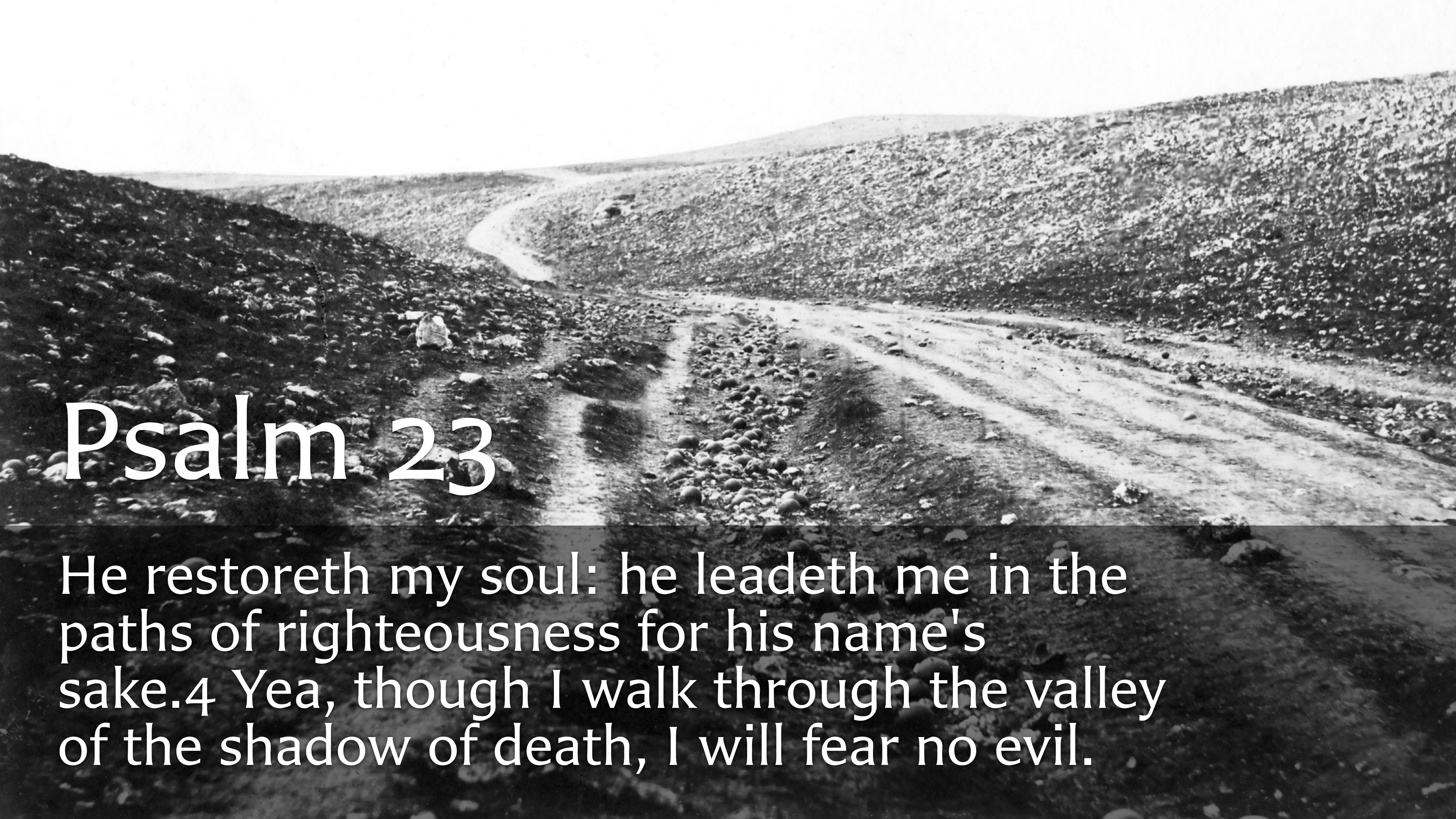




The Good Samaritan



Jacob Wrestles



Psalm 23

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Proverbs 4:26

Ponder the path of your
feet; then all your ways
will be sure.

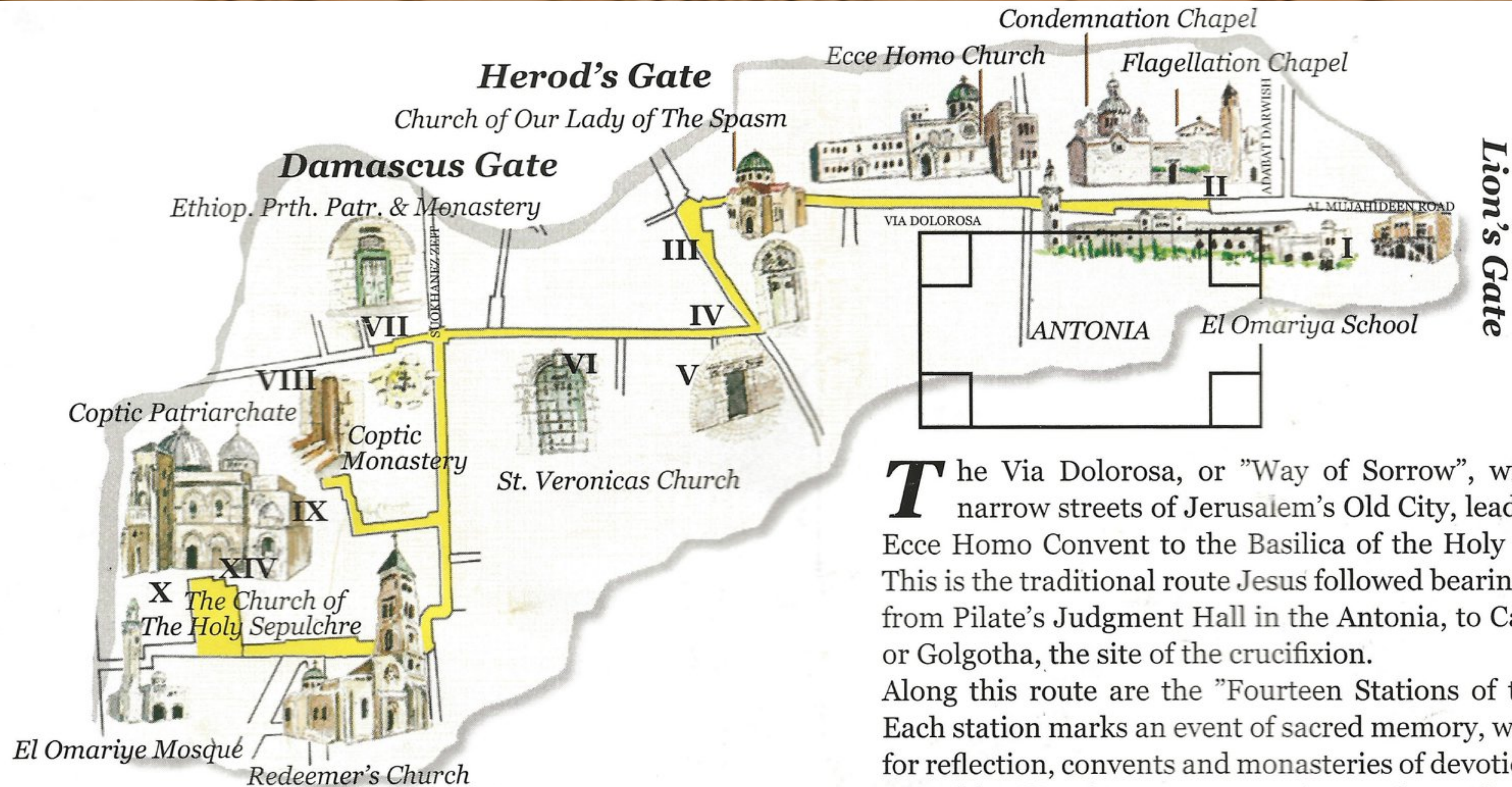


A scenic landscape featuring a dirt path that winds through a lush green field. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains, some of which are shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is overcast, and the overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful. The path leads the viewer's eye from the foreground into the distance, towards the mountains.

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.

Via Dolorosa



The Via Dolorosa, or "Way of Sorrow", winds along narrow streets of Jerusalem's Old City, leads from the Ecce Homo Convent to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. This is the traditional route Jesus followed bearing His cross from Pilate's Judgment Hall in the Antonia, to Calvary Hill, or Golgotha, the site of the crucifixion. Along this route are the "Fourteen Stations of the Cross". Each station marks an event of sacred memory, with chapels for reflection, convents and monasteries of devotion, and the sacred basilica for commemoration – along Christendom's most hallowed road.









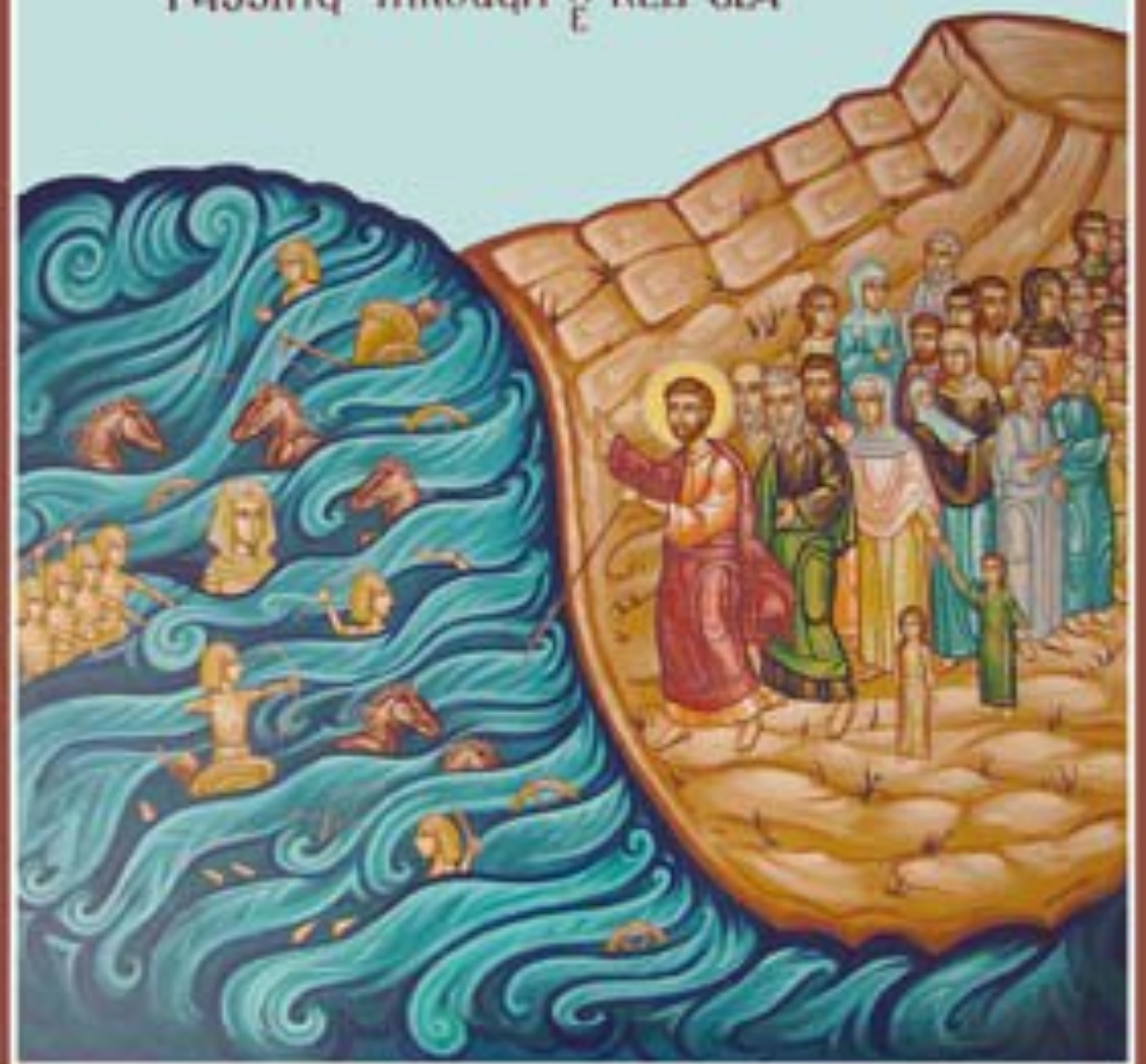


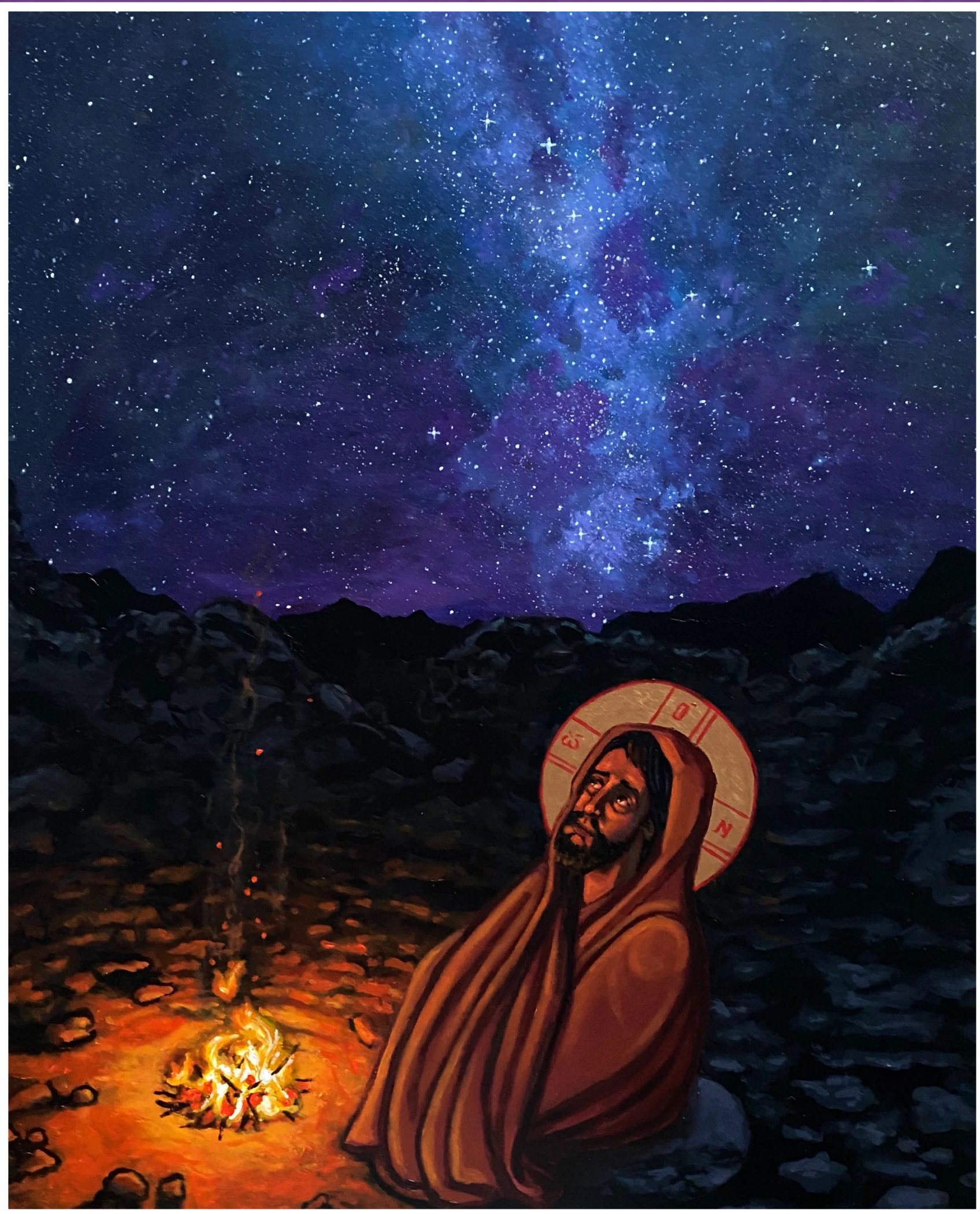






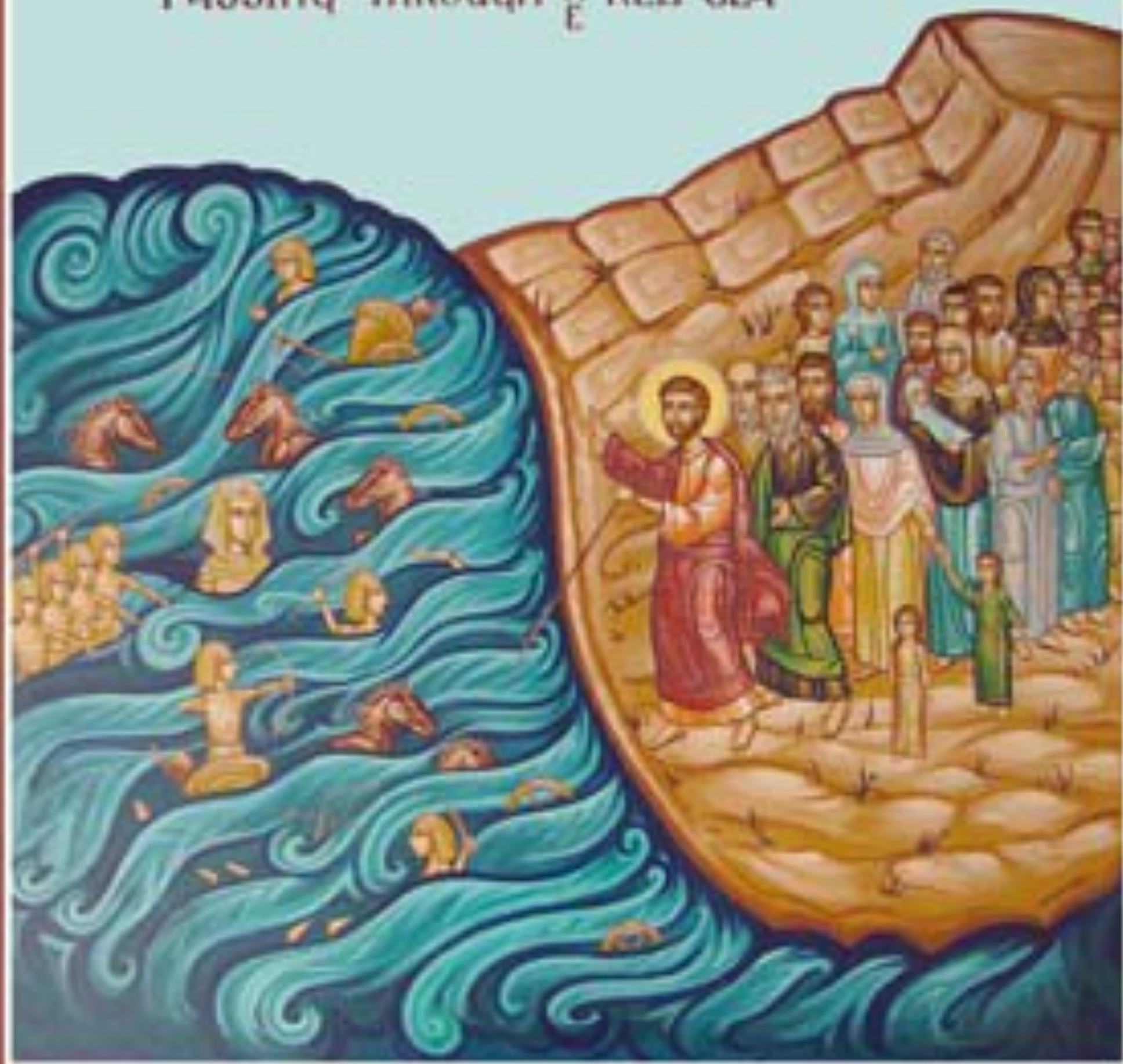
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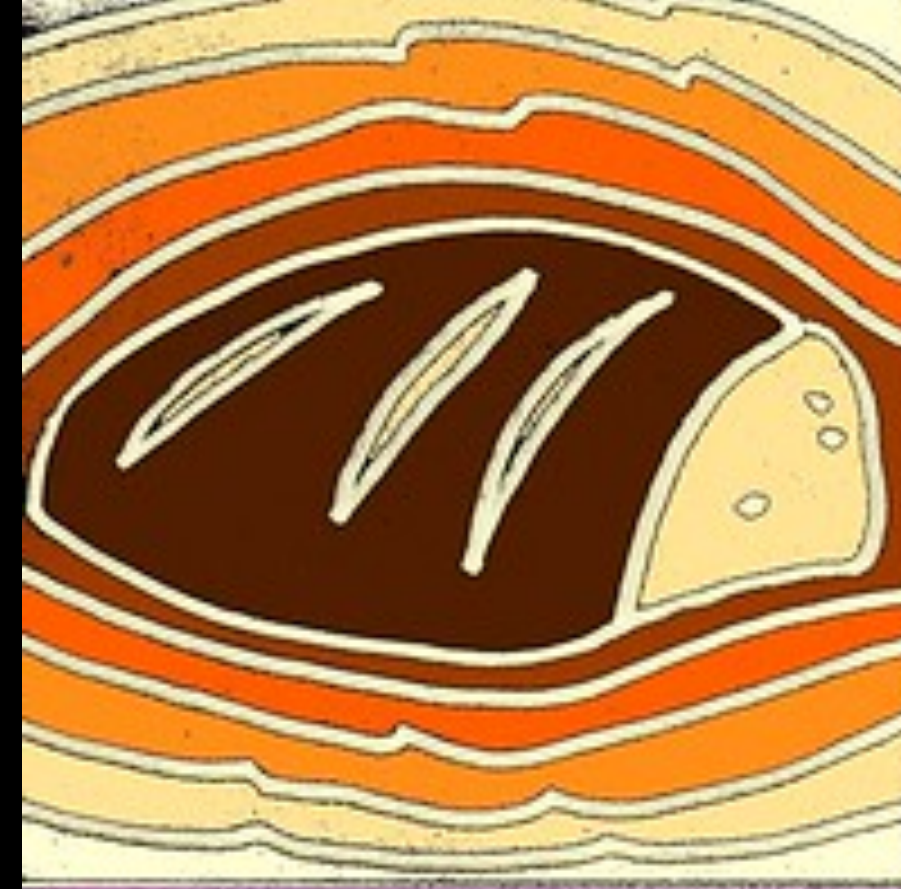


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MAUNDY THURSDAY

A photograph of an elderly woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a grey jacket and a bright blue scarf, sitting in a wooden chair with a red cushion. An elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, is leaning over her, washing her feet with water from a silver bowl. The background shows a church interior with stone arches and a patterned curtain. A blue banner with a floral pattern is at the bottom.

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GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER













Small Group Discussion

- **How would you describe your path right now?**



Q&A



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For Next Week

- **Read the Introduction** in *Walk in Love*
- **Discussion Prompt: Describe your religious background (if any).** You may wish to talk about its values, its gifts, and its challenges. What do you hope to always carry with you? What do you want to leave behind? What questions are you exploring?
- **Blessing of the Pathfinders** at 11 am 3/16

THOMAS MERTON PRAYER

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this
you will lead me by the right road
Though I may know nothing about it
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death
I will not fear, for you are ever with me
And you will never leave me to face my perils alone
Amen.