

# Study Materials for the Season of Lent

## A List of Titles

--with descriptive information about the books—

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of Decatur First United Methodist Church

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For descriptive information about the books in the list below,  
[CTRL + click] on the title to go to the page with details and description.

The titles below are useful primarily for GROUP study.

[Alleluia Is the Song of the Desert  
An Exercise for Lent and Other Sacred Times](#)

Author: Lawrence D. Hart

[in Curriculum Closet]

[Call Him Savior \[Lent 2012 student\]](#)

[Call Him Savior \[Lent 2012 leader\]](#)

[A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary](#)

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[Final Words DVD with Leader's Guide](#)

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[in Curriculum Closet]

[Open Our Hearts](#)

[A Small-Group Guide for an Active Lent \(Cycle B, 2012\)](#)

Authors: Donna L. Ciango and Thomas B. Iwanowski [in Curriculum Closet]

[The Song Forever New](#)

[Lent and Easter with Charles Wesley](#)

Author: Paul Wesley Chilcote

[in Curriculum Closet]

[Windows into the Light](#)

[A Lenten Journey of Stories and Art](#)

Author: Michael Sullivan

[in Curriculum Closet]

**The titles below are appropriate for either GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study.**

**A Clearing Season  
Reflections for Lent**

**Author: Sarah Parsons**

**[one copy in Manning Library]  
and [one copy in Curriculum Closet]**

**Forty Days of Fruitful Living  
Practicing a Life of Grace**

**Author: Robert Schnase**

**[in Curriculum Closet]**

**Gospeled Lives  
Encounters with Jesus, A Lenten Study**

**Author: John Indermark**

**[in Curriculum Closet]**

**Hard To Dance With the Devil On Your Back**

**Author: Ray Buckley**

**[in Curriculum Closet]**

**Lent and Holy Week  
Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton**

**Author: The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living**

**[one copy in Manning Library]  
and [one copy in Curriculum Closet]**

**Parables and Passion  
Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent**

**Author: John Indermark**

**[in Curriculum Closet]**

**Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn  
A Lenten Journey with Jesus**

**Author: Thomas R. Steagald**

**[in Curriculum Closet]**

**The titles below are most suitable for INDIVIDUAL study and reflection.**

**The Desert**

**An Anthology for Lent**

**Author: John Moses**

**[in Manning Library]**

**Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B**

**A Daily Devotional**

**Author: N.T. Wright**

**[in Manning Library]**

**Simplifying the Soul**

**Lenten Practices to Renew Your Spirit**

**Author: Paula Huston**

**[in Manning Library]**

**A Time to Turn**

**Anglican Readings for Lent and Easter Week**

**Author: Christopher L. Webber**

**[in Manning Library]**

**The title below is ON ORDER.**

**It's appropriateness for GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study will be determined when it is when received.]**

**Were You There?**

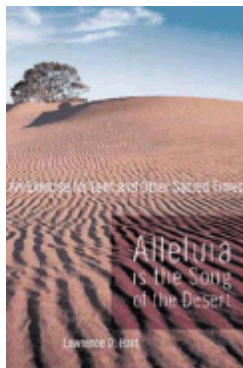
**Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross**

**Author: Erik Kolbell**

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## **Alleluia Is the Song of the Desert** **An Exercise for Lent and Other Sacred Times**

**[useful primarily for GROUP study]**  
**[in Curriculum Closet]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>COWLEY PUBN</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>02/2004</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-10:</b>	<b>1561012505</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9781561012503</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Lawrence D. Hart</b>

### **Description--**

This is no simple how-to book, but rather a profound challenge to consider a totally different kind of life. Lawrence Hart approaches these life changes from several different angles each leading to the deep kind of knowing that is God's gift to the true seeker. From the Foreword by Jean Dalby Clift For thousands of years, deserts have been geographical centers of spiritual formation and direct encounter with God. In Christian spirituality, men and women seeking the kind of purification that leads to wisdom of the heart have sought out the desert places. But the desert is also a state of mind or consciousness, a spiritual practice, an inner place where we come to have a first-hand experience of God. Designed for use by small groups or individuals, the Lenten meditations in this book lead us to this interior desert. The forty days of Lent are a time of metanoia (repentance), of emptying our hearts so that they can be filled with that love and presence of Christ we celebrate at Easter. Entering Lent, then, can be imagined as entering the silence of a vast and empty desert that leads to an experience of alleluia. What is essential in the spiritual life is, of course, not that we find a dry and sand-blown country far from any geographical city, but rather a desert place of the heart where spiritual transformation can occur. Lent, with its emphasis on taking spiritual inventory, repentance, renunciation, and preparation for Easter, is just such a desert. In fact, we can appropriately think of the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday as a Lenten desert.

From **Publishers Weekly** -- Review **02/16/2004**

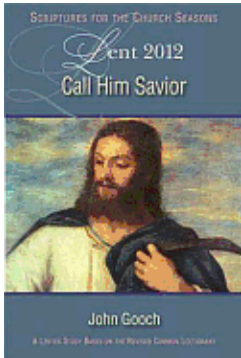
Lent is, at its core, a recognition that "Christ is our spiritual bread" in the midst of the barren desert, claims Episcopal priest Hart. That desert is not a physical location so much as a spiritual state—"an inner place where we come to have a first-hand experience of God." The Lenten practice of repentance is intended to bring us to this desert place, from which we can emerge refreshed and singing the titular alleluia. Drawing from a rich well of wisdom from spiritual writers such as Thomas Merton, Eugene Peterson, Rollo May, William Blake, C.S. Lewis and Henri Nouwen, this contemplative book is mature and carefully seasoned. It can be used by individuals, but was written specifically for small spiritual formation groups; to this end Hart provides several appendices on how such groups can effectively use its exercises and teachings. (Feb.) Copyright 2004 Reed Business Information.

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## Call Him Savior [Lent 2012 student]

A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary

[useful primarily for GROUP study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



**Publisher:**  
**Publication Date:**  
**Binding:**  
**ISBN-13:**  
**Retail Price:**  
**Discount Price**  
**Author:**

**Abingdon Press**  
**12/2011**  
**Paperback**  
**9781426716256**  
**\$9.00**  
**\$7.20 (20% discount)**  
**John O Gooch**

### Description--

*Call Him Savior* offers the opportunity and challenge to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. You will experience the salvation and hope of God offered through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ as you explore the Revised Common Lectionary readings designated for this Lenten season. The impact of an empty tomb is most fully experienced when we witness again the passion of Jesus and when we keep vigil at the cross.

The study for Lent and Easter in the Scriptures for the Church Seasons series is based upon the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures for the church year, a three year cycle that includes readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the Epistles.

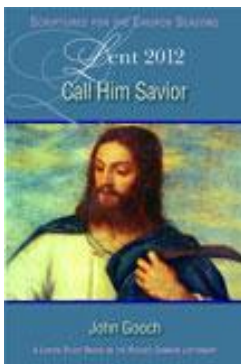
A seven-session leader's guide, written by Nan Duerling, is available separately for use in Sunday school classes or other small groups order # 781426716263

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=1046703>

## Call Him Savior [Lent 2012 leader]

A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary

[useful primarily for GROUP study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



**Publisher:**  
**Publication Date:**  
**Binding:**  
**ISBN-13:**  
**Retail Price:**

**Abingdon Press**  
**12/2011**  
**Other**  
**9781426716263**  
**\$9.00**

### Description--

This leader's guide, written by Nan Duerling, gives helps to leaders of Sunday school classes or other small groups. A participant's study book is sold separately order # 9781426716256

## **A Clearing Season** **Reflections for Lent**

**[appropriate for either GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study]**  
**[one copy in Manning Library, one copy in Curriculum Closet]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>UPPER ROOM</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>11/2005</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-10:</b>	<b>0835898172</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780835898171</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$11.20 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sarah Parsons</b>

### **Description--**

To many, Lent is simply a time to "give up" something that they enjoy. They see it as a seemingly long purposeless time of self-denial. But *A Clearing Season* rebuffs that notion looking at Lent from a new perspective.

Cities across the world celebrate the day-before with colorful parades and over-the-top parties. Then Wednesday arrives ... Sigh. Lent. has. begun.

You hear about devout friends giving up seemingly innocent things in life (like chocolate) or stressing out to live a more perfect life during six grueling weeks — for reasons you don't completely understand. Sermons about penitence are preached, and guilt soaks the congregation.

Sound like a good time?! It's time to rethink Lent.

Or at least see it for the positive opportunity it offers. It's spring-cleaning for the soul! Lent offers you time to pause, consider, and renew your relationship with God — an altogether hopeful (not dreary) experience.

"To arrive at newness of life, we first name parts of our lives that are shrouded in darkness," writes Parsons. "To put it very dramatically, ... your first order of business is to break your heart for God. We walk through some muck so that we can leave it behind and find Easter joy beyond.... With God's help we will clear the darkness away and begin to experience greater joy and newness of life."

Sure, there's work to be done during Lent, but it's the gentle, gradual work of opening one's heart and mind to grace. *A Clearing Season* will move you week by week from "wilderness to holy ground," using a personal tone that will stir and challenge personal reflection.

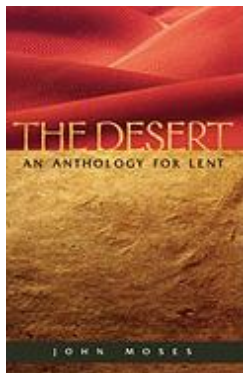
Parsons includes exercises for small groups, as well as questions at the end of each chapter for individual reflection. Also included is an appendix of spiritual practices for Lent you may not have considered before.

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## The Desert

### An Anthology for Lent

[most suitable for **INDIVIDUAL** study and reflection]  
[in Manning Library]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>MOREHOUSE PUB</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>10/1997</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-10:</b>	<b>081921728X</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780819217288</b>
<b>UMPH:</b>	<b>924027</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$12.80 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>John Moses</b>

#### Description--

The desert, with its great emptiness and silence, has long been a symbol of solitude. In our spiritual lives, we sometimes seek such isolation as a means of abandoning ourselves completely to God. At other times, solitude comes upon us uninvited and unwelcome, as we find ourselves totally alone and desolate. In facing the silence and the vast expanses of loneliness, we test our courage, deepen our faith, and hear the voice of God anew.

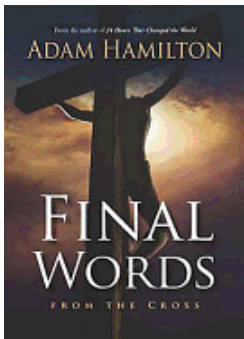
This book explores the tradition and relevance of desert spirituality in the life and worship of the church today and offers a collection of pertinent writings by these and many other ancient and contemporary authors: Thomas à Kempis, Mother Mark Clare, Henri Nouwen, René Voillaume, Charles de Foucauld, Thomas Merton, R. S. Thomas.

The readings are ideal Lenten devotionals (but wonderful any other time of year as well) as you answer your own call of the desert.

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## Final Words--From the Cross

[useful primarily for **GROUP** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>Abingdon Press</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>12/2011</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Hardcover</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9781426746802</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$14.99</b>
<b>Online Price</b>	<b>\$9.44 (37% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Adam Hamilton</b>

### Description--

In *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton took us on a Lenten journey through the last day of Jesus' life. Now in this inspiring follow-up book, Hamilton examines Christ's dying hours as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.

Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

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## Final Words DVD with Leader's Guide From the Cross

[useful primarily for **GROUP** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]

<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>Abingdon Press</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>12/2011</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>DVD</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9781426746833</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$39.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$31.20 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Adam Hamilton</b>

### Description--

This small-group study DVD contains seven teaching sessions featuring Hamilton providing fresh insight into Jesus' final words at the cross through the perspective of those who witnessed the crucifixion. Then, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. The Leader Guide will facilitate small-group discussion about the book and the DVD.

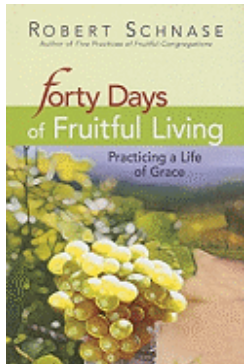
Session 1:	Father Forgive Them
Session 2:	Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother
Session 3:	My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Session 4:	Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
Session 5:	I Thirst
Session 6:	It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit
Session 7:	On the Road to Emmaus

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## Forty Days of Fruitful Living

Practicing a Life of Grace

[appropriate for either GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>Abingdon Press</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>12/2010</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9781426715945</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Online Price</b>	<b>\$7.56 (37% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Robert Schnase</b>

### Description--

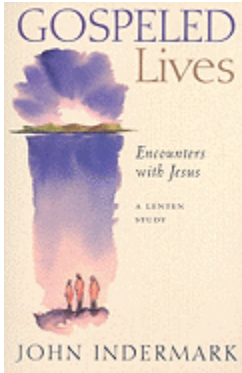
Based on *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*, *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* guides the individual or small group through daily readings designed to inspire and encourage. Perfect for use during Lent or throughout the year, *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* will help cultivate the essential practices of a life lived in grace - to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give back.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=686375>

## Gospeled Lives

### Encounters with Jesus, A Lenten Study

[appropriate for either GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>UPPER ROOM</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>11/2008</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780835899710</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$12.00 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>John Indermark</b>

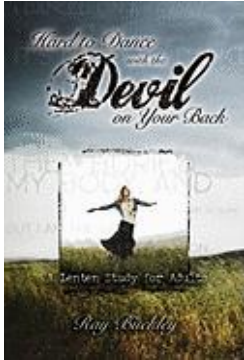
#### Description--

What does it mean to be *gospeled*? John Indermark suggests that an encounter with the living Christ demands response. *Gospeled Lives* covers biblical characters who had such an encounter. Some of these persons responded with joy and gratitude. Some ignored or rejected Christ's offer of good news. These stories, along with daily readings of scripture, written prayers and suggested exercises, make an ideal study for either individual or group use over the six week Lenten period. The offer and the experience of grace are found in these pages, as it is in the Lenten season itself. Each chapter has five daily readings and an introductory overview to the week's theme. Session guides for group study are included in the appendix.

"The title of this book, *Gospeled Lives*, might sound odd. In English, *gospel* is a noun and occasionally an adjective. In the New Testament, however, *gospel* is more often a verb. Gospel expresses action. To speak of 'gospeled' lives, as I do in this work, speaks of lives that have been acted upon by their encounter with Jesus. . . . And in every case, the story of gospeled lives remains open-ended. That is, response to encounter with Jesus continues to unfold in ongoing choices and unfinished stories. The book intentionally ends on that note; for that is truly where you and I enter the picture as we live out the unfinished stories of our response to encounter with Jesus."

## Hard To Dance With the Devil On Your Back

[appropriate for either **GROUP** or **INDIVIDUAL** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>Abingdon Press</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>12/2010</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9781426710049</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Ray Buckley</b>

### Description--

In every culture and time, persons of faith, of all ages, have summoned trials and tribulations to find the endurance and strength to “dance.” They have danced with the weight of the world upon their shoulders, sustained by God and others dancing near them.

*Hard to Dance With the Devil On Your Back* is a seven-session Lenten study that looks at the transcendent struggle in the lives of believers, while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter.

The study provides one session for each week in Lent. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a brief reading, questions for reflection or discussion, and a prayer.

The title of this study will remind you of the hymn written by Sydney Carter in 1963 "Lord of the Dance."

### Sessions:

- 1 - The Dance (2 Corinthians 4:8-9; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
- 2 - A Parable (Luke 12:32; Matthew 19:2-5)
- 3 - The Wronged (Isaiah 53:3; 1 John 13:34-35; Matthew 12:20)
- 4 - The Wrong: (Matthew 9:9-13)
- 5 - The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved: Judas (John 13:21-30; 1 John 4:18)
- 6 - When Worlds Collide (Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 49:16)
- 7 - Dancing with Holes in Your Moccasins (Matthew 5:14; Revelation 21:3)

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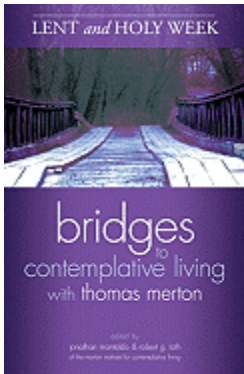
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## Lent and Holy Week

Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton

[appropriate for either **GROUP** or **INDIVIDUAL** study]

[one copy in Manning Library, one copy in Curriculum Closet]



**Publisher:**

**Publication Date:**

**Binding:**

**ISBN-13:**

**Retail Price:**

**Author:**

**Edited by:**

**AVE MARIA PR**

**01/2009**

**Paperback**

**9781594712043**

**\$5.95**

**The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living**

**Jonathan Montaldo**

**Robert G. Toth**

### Description--

The Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton series enjoys widespread popularity among parish-based small groups, religious communities, and contemplative retreat centers. The series has also been warmly accepted among members of ecumenical traditions.

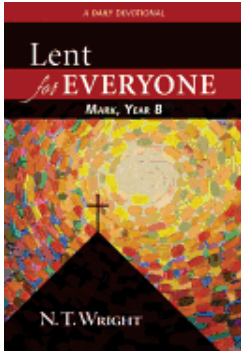
*Lent and Holy Week* opens the writings of Thomas Merton in easily digestible pieces and eloquently pairs them with the words of other great spiritual thinkers. Designed for use in new or existing small groups between Ash Wednesday and Easter, this booklet offers readers an accessible introduction to contemplative dialogue and is built around eight compelling Lenten themes:

- Week of Ash Wednesday: Where Do We Turn for Forgiveness?
- First Week of Lent: Living More Deeply in Christ
- Second Week of Lent: A Season for Compunction and Tears
- Third Week of Lent: In All Things, Always Seeking God
- Fourth Week of Lent: Choosing with Christ to Love the World
- Fifth Week of Lent: In the Service of Peace through Humility and Prayer Holy Week: Returning to the Source of Our Unity in Christ
- The Resurrection of the Lord: Liberated to Redeem the World

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=1069359>

## **Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B** **A Daily Devotional**

**[most suitable for INDIVIDUAL study and reflection]**  
**[in Manning Library]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>WESTMINSTER / JOHN KNOX</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>02/2012</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780664238940</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>\$9.75 (35% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>N.T. Wright</b>

### **Description--**

"Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B" provides readers with a gentle guide through the Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday through the week after Easter. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each of the days of the season, helping the reader ponder how the text is relevant to their own life today.

Wright's guide through Lent will make the Bible --and the season-- come alive in inspiring new ways.

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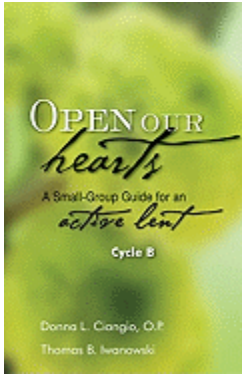
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<https://www.avemariapress.com/product/1-59471-276-X/Open-Our-Hearts/>

## Open Our Hearts

A Small-Group Guide for an Active Lent (Cycle B, 2012)

[useful primarily for **GROUP** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



**Publisher:**  
**Publication Date:**  
**Binding:**  
**ISBN-13:**  
**Retail Price:**  
**Author:**

**AVE MARIA PR**  
**11/2011**  
**Paperback**  
**9781594712760**  
**\$5.95**  
**Donna L. Ciango O. P.**  
**Thomas B. Iwanowski**

### Description--

This Lectionary-based, small-group booklet contains everything needed for a successful parish-based Lenten program, including soup recipes for groups that want to begin or end each session with a simple meal. The booklet provides a basic introduction, guidelines for six weekly small-group faith sharing, sessions, and daily scripture reflections to keep parishioners engaged throughout each week.

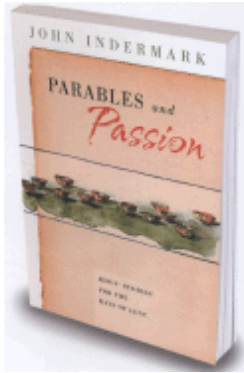
Sunday gospel texts are printed right in the booklet, and citations with brief commentaries on the first and second readings appear as sidebars. Group sessions link the scriptures with informative and practical commentary and reflection questions, space for written responses, prayers, and suggested activities help reinforce the week's message.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=506296>

## Parables and Passion

Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent

[appropriate for either **GROUP** or **INDIVIDUAL** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>UPPER ROOM</b>
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<b>Author:</b>	<b>John Indermark</b>

### Description--

Many writers who examine the parables of Jesus argue that they provide a window into the acts of ministry carried out during Christ's journey to Jerusalem. John Indermark takes us even more deeply into that journey, holding up the lessons of the parables Jesus told in light of his betrayal and death on the cross. Considered in this way, the parables take on a new significance, even more transparent and more clearly applicable in the lives of Christian believers.

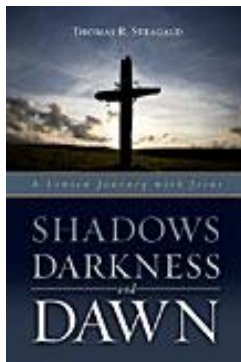
Each week the readers are provided with an overview, five daily readings, and a "Sabbath" for reflection, review or group study. The daily readings consist of a parable Scripture lesson, a reading and reflection that stems from the passage, a prayer, and a spiritual exercise. The text also includes a leader's guide for those who choose to incorporate small group study on this spiritual journey.

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## Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn

A Lenten Journey with Jesus

[appropriate for either **GROUP** or **INDIVIDUAL** study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>UPPER ROOM</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>11/2010</b>
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<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780835810326</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$12.00 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Thomas R. Steagald</b>

### Description--

Thomas Steagald takes readers through the ministry of Jesus with a special emphasis on images of light and darkness. Readers will move with Jesus from the gathering of shadows during the temptation in the wilderness into the terrifying darkness at Calvary and the hope of dawn on Easter morning. Six carefully chosen gospel stories help readers examine their own shadows, their confessions whispered in the darkness, and the power of Christ's regenerating love to bring freedom from sin and the fear of darkness.

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[NOTE: If ordering multiple copies, procure directly from Ave Maria Press for better service.]

<https://www.avemariapress.com/product/1-59471-269-7/Simplifying-the-Soul/>

## **Simplifying the Soul**

**Lenten Practices to Renew Your Spirit**

[most suitable for **INDIVIDUAL** study and reflection]

[in Manning Library]



**Publisher:**

**AVE MARIA PR**

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**ISBN-13:**

**9781594712692**

**Retail Price:**

**\$14.95**

**Discount Price**

**\$11.96 (20% discount)**

**Author:**

**Paula Huston**

### **Description--**

Award-winning author and Benedictine oblate Paula Huston invites readers to de-clutter their minds, hearts, relationships, and souls in a book of daily Lenten practices woven from the gospels, the Desert Fathers, and the author's own wealth of spiritual experience.

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## **The Song Forever New** **Lent and Easter with Charles Wesley**

**[useful primarily for GROUP study]**  
**[in Curriculum Closet]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>MOREHOUSE PUB</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>09/2009</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780819223739</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$12.80 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Paul Wesley Chilcote</b>

### **Description--**

A daily devotional inspired by the hymns of Charles Wesley, this new book paves the way for spiritual pilgrimage throughout this sacred period of the Christian year.

Wesley's lyrical theology and hymns represent a monumental devotional treasure within both the Anglican and Methodist heritage.

Sacred texts from Wesley's Redemption Hymns and Resurrection Hymns are particularly well suited to the themes of Lent and Easter. Selections from both these collections are featured in the volume, including "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," as well as hymns, such as "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," drawn from a wider selection of Wesley's works.

The hymns are arranged around themes tied to scriptural texts proper to each day. Each of the fifty-four meditations includes a biblical text, the Wesley hymn selection (with a recommended tune for singing from the Episcopal Hymnal 1982), a brief meditation, and a prayer for the day. Suggestions are also provided for the use of these materials in a pattern of either Morning or Evening Prayer.

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## **A Time to Turn**

### **Anglican Readings for Lent and Easter Week**

**[most suitable for INDIVIDUAL study and reflection]  
[in Manning Library]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>MOREHOUSE PUB</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>11/2004</b>
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<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$11.20 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Christopher L. Webber</b>

#### **Description--**

For centuries Lent has been a time when Christians stop and take stock of their lives. It is a time for revisiting the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It is a time of focusing on our sinfulness and the need to repent, as well as a season in which we focus on putting aside our luxuries and making sure that others have what they need. All of these themes, and more, are explored in this collection of Anglican readings that begin with Ash Wednesday and end on the Saturday of Easter Week.

These readings are arranged in a regular sequence through each week of Lent. Sunday readings focus on God's love, Mondays on the need for discipline, Tuesdays on fasting, Wednesdays on prayer, Thursdays on sin, Fridays on the cross, and Saturdays on baptism.

*A Time to Turn* draws on the best sermons, books, poems, and hymns of Anglican writers throughout the centuries, with a reading for each day, followed by the brief suggestion for focusing the reader's meditations. Writers include Christina Rossetti, John Donne, Philips Brooks, John Keble, Thomas Traherne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and many others. Brief biographies are included, along with a bibliography for those who would like to read more from a given writer.

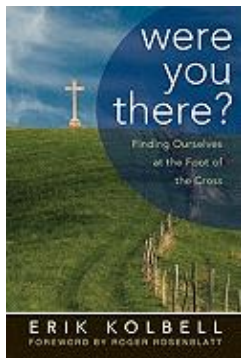
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## Were You There?

Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross

**[ON ORDER]**

**[suitability for GROUP or INDIVIDUAL study to be determined when received.]**



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>WESTMINSTER / JOHN KNOX</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>02/2005</b>
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<b>ISBN-13:</b>	<b>9780664227784</b>
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Online Price:</b>	<b>\$9.75 (35% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Erik Kolbell</b>

### Description--

In this compelling and hope-filled book, Erik Kolbell shows us that in the Passion of Jesus we hear the story of one person but the echoes of many. Though we read the story to find out who Jesus was, it is in the reading of the other characters who were present, from the disciples who followed him to the high priests who spoke falsely about him, that we can discover much about ourselves.

Kolbell explores how each person or group responded differently to Jesus's prediction, and shows us how their different responses represent the great range of human responses also available to us. We can, he shows us, find ourselves reflected in each of these characters, so that it is in Thomas' doubts, Mary's courage, and Peter's denial that we find out who we are. As we read these stories of scoundrels and saints and consider how they endured the Passion, Kolbell believes we will discover intimations of our own lives, our own stories, and our own manner of shouldering the great burdens that our faith asks us to make.

The characters and groups discussed include Peter, the slave whose ear is severed, Judas, the woman who anointed him, Pilate, Herod, the crowds, Simon of Cyrene, the centurion, the women who look on from afar, Joseph of Arimathea, Cleopas, Thomas, and Mary.

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## Windows into the Light

A Lenten Journey of Stories and Art

[useful primarily for GROUP study]  
[in Curriculum Closet]



<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>MOREHOUSE PUB</b>
<b>Publication Date:</b>	<b>10/2008</b>
<b>Binding:</b>	<b>Paperback</b>
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<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>Discount Price</b>	<b>\$14.40 (20% discount)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Michael Sullivan</b>

### Description--

Building on the interest generated by Sullivan's previous art and spirituality title, *Windows into the Soul*, this book focuses on the journey from darkness to light inherent in Lent. By using an easily accessible liturgical format, the book provides a pathway for those who walk from Ash Wednesday to the empty tomb of Easter.

Organized around holy days and Sundays in Lent, chapters begin with a prayer or poetic excerpt, followed by scripture for the day or week. A narrative then expands on the themes introduced by the prayer and scripture. Exercises following the narratives are simple—mostly collage exercises using differing techniques—and are accessible to a wide audience. Soul Questions, popular with readers, guide the spiritual exercise following the narrative, and Thoughts for the Journey, also popular with *Windows* readers, complete each chapter with suggestions for further reflection.