

susie : Good Morning, I am so glad to be here today. Snow is coming and so is Spring!

Cynthia: Hello -and good afternoon - early evening even! from Brighton, UK!

Lorraine : Good Morning to everyone from Bowen Island, British Columbia!

Karen : And— from Athens, Ga. where this day seems like spring!

jim : Hello from Manhattan (the Little Apple) Kansas!

Sue : Brighton UK here too!

Rebecca : blessings and peace from Bloomington IN>

Stephen : Hello from a blustery Yorkshire, UK

Sharon : And Ottawa, Canada

jim : Hello Canada!!

Carol : Greetings from sunny Tampa, FL

Barbara : Good afternoon from Hamilton, Scotland

Gary : And sunny Portland, OR

Judy : Hello from Ontario, Canada!

Sharon : Hello from Sharbot Lake, ON, Canada. Looks like spring but it is still cold.

jim : Hello Scotland!!

tom : Hi from Pasadena!

Kjell : Hello from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin on a crisp, sunny day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Linda E : Hello from Rochester NY

Theresa : Greetings from Tucson, AZ!

John : Weather report from Seattle Area: two days of sunshine between the rains.

Barb : Good morning from beautiful Bend, Oregon!

alison : Hi Everyone from Glasgow Scotland

jim : One of my favorite places..Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin!!

Valdene : Hello from Sarnia Ontario Canada. A beautiful sunny early spring day!

Patty : Good morning from Kirkland, WA!

Vicki : Hello from central Nebraska

Bill : Hello from Cincinnati, Ohio

Peggy : greetings from Winston Salem NC!! warm and cloudy today

Judith : Hello from North Vancouver, BC!

Andy : Hello from Seattle

Diane : Hello, from Duluth, Georgia :)

Babs : Hello from San Diego CA!

Kathy : Good morning from Oklahoma City!

Anita : Hello from Missoula, Montana! Anita Rognas

Anne : Greetings from Columbia, MO!

carla : Hello from Berea KY

Ted : Good morning from Gig Harbor, WA

Kathie : Good Day from Cary, NC

Barbara : Greetings from Niagara Falls, Ontario!

Meaghan : Good morning everyone! Just as a reminder to keep yourselves muted unless called upon!

Derek : Greetings from Whitby, Ontario

Robert : And hello from Vista CA

Adrian : Hi from Adrian and Christine in Sheffield UK

Norris : Hello fm Carlsbad CA

June : Greetings from Cleveland Ohio

Judi : Tucson, Arizona

Liz : Good morning from Las Vegas

jim : I'd share what the weather is like in Kansas but as soon as I would post it, the weather would change!

Margaret : Greetings from Chesterfield, MO

lance/marilyn : Good morning from Hawaii!

Kim : Greetings from Austin, TX!

Don : Hi to all from New Hamburg, ON.

Lynn : Shalom from Tulsa OK

Tammy : Hi from Edmonton Alberta

David : <<< saw Hawaii and started looking for the envy button.

Barbara : Blessings from Ann Arbor, Michigan. GO BLUE!!

Laurie : Greetings from Cottage grove Oregon :)

craig : Good Morning from Chicago, IL

Paul : Greetings from Cincinnati, OH

CID775 : Greetings! Anne Lundin, Madison, Wisconsin

robin.russel@maine.edu : Hello from Maine

Harriet : Good Morning,, All, from Portland, Oregon and sunshine!

Lyn : Good afternoon from Lyn in Franklin, MA

Chris : Hi , Chris from Gibsons BC here, formally from UK and member still of PCN. Hi Adrian.

Kari : Greetings from Lakeville, MN

richard : greetings from Hattiesburg, MS

Vicki : I appreciated seeing the summary of Marcus Borg's Easter message. Could that be made available for viewing later

Dorothy : Greetings from Laurens, SC

Lisa (she, her) : Peace to you from Rochester, NY

Diana : Good morning on a lovely spring morning in Alexandria, VA!

karla (Portland General Electric-- she, her) : Good morning from the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and Lyle, Washington!

Susan H-W : Greetings and gratitude from Shepherdstown, WV.

Meaghan : Diana's upcoming book, Freeing Jesus:  
<https://www.harpercollins.com/products/freeing-jesus-diana-butler-bass?variant=32126618501154>

Kjell : Hello Art, from Kjell

Mona : Greetings from Oceanside, CA

Harry : Help from Tupelo, MS

jerry : Aren't we blessed to have Marianne right here with us in Bend, OR Julie and Jerry

Art : Kjell, thanks for letting me know of this, Art

Cynthia : AND Brighton UK!

Linda : Greetings from Montreal, Canada on a cold, almost spring day.

Sandy : Living on the edge of orthodoxy. Love it.

David : The link to the poem:

David :  
<https://natureandfaithpoetry.wordpress.com/2019/04/03/day-92-poetics-of-faith-denise-levertov/>

Gary : Thanks for the link.

Chela she/her Bend : To believe in a substitutionary atonement (~ Jesus' death -- or blood -- being payment for Sin's debt) absolutely depends on the idea of blood sacrifice being efficacious at all. If we object to human sacrifice in ancient South American cultures, I think we should examine why the western church embraced this notion.

Sandy: Atonement theory a reframing of Jewish sacrificial system—something must die to please God

Kake (they/them) : “The rose is without why” is a solid denial of Darwin

Br. Bill : Amen, Marianne, Amen!

Joan : Rose ere blooming!

Paul : Thank you Sandy and Chela. I've also struggled with atonement theology and have largely rejected it. It seems to cast God the Father into a wrathful, vindictive role that I can't reconcile with the loving being that I know.

Bonnie : Thank you so much for encouraging people to let go of atonement theology. That idea kept me out of churches for decades.

Sandy : It's a control mechanism, “scare them to faith”

Sara : Thank you for sending the link.

Carla : Its HOly Child Abuse....anad that's not eh God I serve and the Jesus I follow.

Chela she/her Bend : And the Jewish sacrificial system was probably moving toward eliminating blood sacrifice in the first century as well.

Albert Einstein suggests that religious traditions go through three predictable stages:

1. Overwhelm at Nature's caprice: maybe God/the gods WANT SOMETHING VALUABLE. How about a human life?
2. The community organizes around laws and morality, as civilization takes shape.
3. Development toward mysticism (direct experience), love, compassion.

Nancy (she/her) : Amen, Bonnie.

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David in Nova Scotia : This story reminds me of the children's series, the Little World of Don Camillo (Giovanni Guareschi) where Jesus regularly speaks from the crucifix at the altar.

Chela she/her Bend : Yes! Our liberation is "what it's all about"!

David : It is in Freeing Jesus that we as Christians free ourselves. DBB

Sara : This long season of pandemic has freed Jesus!

Babs,Edward : I find it appropriate as we near Passover to speak of liberation.

Claudia : as a life long Methodist there is definitely a mid term Methodism and it was during that time.

Diane- Duluth, GA : Ack! Diana and I have traveled a VERY similar theological journey. :) What a roller coaster it was! :) It's all good....it's made us who we are. <3

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Kake (they/them) : Or you could order a copy from your local, independent bookstore....shop local!

Kjell : Yes, shop local.

Meaghan : Here is a website that can order from local and independent shops:

<https://bookshop.org/books/freeing-jesus-rediscovering-jesus-as-friend-teacher-savior-lord-way-and-presence/9780062659521>

Susan H-W : Another shout out for shopping local. Thanks, Kake!

Sara : Also find bookstores who are owned by POC.

Chela she/her Bend : My theology prof in seminary said that Martin Buber's classic "I and Thou" should have been rendered "Me and You"... just like "Jesus and Me"

David : "Me and Jesus, the Journey home." Marcus Borg

David : <https://www.westarinstitute.org/resources/the-fourth-r/me-jesus-the-journey-home/>

alison : Looking forward to reading this book. Still on my journey out of the legacy of many years of reformed calvenistic Christianity.

Kake (they/them) : So what was Augustine writing?

Kake (they/them) : @Diana Bass - have you ever punched a theologian in the nose?

Susan H-W : Barbara Brown Taylor

Sara : Kelly Brown Douglas

Valerie : Karen Armstrong

Sara : Lisa Sharon Harper

norm : Karen Armstrong

Rebecca : Catherine Keller

Susan H-W : Cynthia Bourgeault

Patty : Ivone Gebara - Longing for Running Water

Derek : Rachel Held Evans

Sandra : Cynthia Borgeault

Patty : Catherine Keller - On The Mystery

jerry : Like Michael Curry

Bill : Ilia Delio

Barb : Yes! Thank you, Diana.

Susan H-W : Helen Luke

Joan : Barbara Holmes

richard : Michael Novak, theology as autobiography, circa 1970

Chela she/her Bend : Men have traditionally written the "systematics" -- which are largely abstractions, the "fruit" of Platonic idealism. But women (largely, and some men) write from experience, engagement, the process of personal development and evolution.

richard : Mars and Venus?

Barb : Diana is claiming the right as a woman to reflect seriously on her experience and to make the claim that her experience and the meaning she makes from it MATTERS.

robin.russel@maine.edu : Perhaps top down theology vs. relational spirituality?

richard : I like that

Sandy : I self-published my journey titled The God Nobody Knows

Karen : Will there be a recording of this presentation—both parts—made available to those of us who have been able to be part of the ZOOM room?

Tom to Meaghan(privately) : Question to Diana re toxic masculinity and the the freeing power of memoire theology ...

jana : I hope there is a recording of both parts—so good!

Kake (they/them) : @SandyHarlan.

<https://www.christianbook.com/the-god-nobody-knows/9781512734669/pd/734669>

Meaghan To tom(privately) : Hi Tom, Would you like to share this publicly? Or I can pass your question along with an email and she can reach out?

Meaghan To tom(privately) : What would work best?

Meaghan: There will be a recording of this conversation on the website early next week!

tom To Meaghan(privately) : I'd like to ask her - I've been with her before, etc..

Meaghan To tom(privately) : I will let Jeff know for the Plenary session.

tom To Meaghan(privately) : Thanks - I think it'll be of value ...

Mary : Thank you both, so much. This almost makes up for last summer's cancelled Ring Lake Ranch session!

Diane Duluth, GA : Reading the Bible again for the first time...and Speaking Christian.

Hal : ...and we have peaceful transitions of political power...

Kake (they/them) : Well, it's only certain media that say those things about America

Diane Duluth, GA : Or, there is no way that a coup could be made against our country....



Lorraine : Another good read....”How to Lead When you Dont Know where you are Going.....Leading in a Liminal Season..” Susan Beaumont....

Sandy : Another woman author!

Jacqueline : Mary Baker Eddy, an American theologian, published her seminal work, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, in 1875.

Kake (they/them) : Sister Aimee Semple McPherson wrote The Holy Spirit in 1931

Kake (they/them) : <https://kristindumez.com/books/jesus-and-john-wayne/>.

Lyn : Using The Last Week and Westar's Complete Gospel Parallels as a framework of our Lenten Bible We decided it would have been fun to be with Jesus

Bret : Given the polarization in our society, and that many 'Christians' have come to believe in alternative facts, including about Jesus, how do deal with this division in our own congregations? Are we doomed to splits?

Diane Duluth, GA : Ashes in a baggie was offered to members. Pick them up at the church at your convenience. :) (Ash Wednesday)

Sandy : Maybe the Eucharist needs to be freed too

Hal : Wondering if Diana could talk about what kept her connected to Jesus and Christianity after the difficult experience in Santa Barbara. What was the “glue”?

Mary : Cold coffee and a triscuit

Lisa (she, her) : We asked confirmation kids what they would choose for the eucharist — and one said cookies and milk. I thought that was great.

Heidi (she/her) : I had communion over the phone with someone in their 90's and he had chips and water handy - so it was!

Susie she/her/hers : Isn't it One or two gathered in His name?

Andrea : The Pandemic interrupted our story - what's the process for relocated ourselves?

Babs,Edward : eucharist = seder, pasover, and this would be an opportunity to look more deeply

Marianne : The dilemma of Jesus in the pandemic versus the economics of the collection plate.

Kake (they/them) : A critique of Catholic decisions.

<https://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2020/06/04/the-virus-and-the-bishops-twisting-canon-223-to-further-an-agenda/>

Janice J. : this has been an easy transfer for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations

richard : The Synoptics as memoir?

Kake (they/them) : @RichardHattiesburg. Right on

Jim : What was the name of the church Diana spoke about a moment ago?

Ann : St Luke's Episcopal in Atlanta

lance/marilyn : St. Lukes Atlanta. Ed Bacon.

richard : St Luke's, Atlanta

Lynn : I am new to Marianne's 2nd Saturday mornings, and am loving it after being an admirer of her husband for many years. My question: Does anyone know of any local groups in the Boston, MA area that meets to discuss his ideas? Thank you.

kateeliza : Sue monk kids book!!!!!!!!!!

Sandy : Amy Jill Levine, Jewish NT Professor at Vanderbilt, says that Jesus died "because" of the sins of the world, not "for" the sins of the world.

Susan H-W : Oh, that's salient, Sandy!

Peggy : Flannery O'Connor

Harriet : Jennifer Bird, PhD as writer/teacher of Christian scriptures. She is in Portland, Oregon, and often teaches at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Her classes are on Trinity's website, <[trinity-episcopal.org](http://trinity-episcopal.org)>

Sara : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhkA0m2Y3PE&ab\\_channel=St.LukesAtlanta](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhkA0m2Y3PE&ab_channel=St.LukesAtlanta)

Sara : <https://youtu.be/jhkA0m2Y3PE>

Karen : What was his name?

ann : what is name of author of quote just shared?

Bill : I think she said David Hanson

Evelyn : The Last Week is very instructive. In MB's book. The Heart of Christianity, has a few pages on the five or so major theories of atonement (of which substitutionary atonement was only one, and late-breaking at that).

Diane Duluth, GA : Tweet from David Henson, priest in Hendersonville/ Ashville, NC

Barb : david henson

Karen : Thank you!

Barbara : Thank you to all that made this available to us across every country. God Bless and have a wonderful Easter.

Ben : 

Sara : Thank you!

vicki : Hi Carol and Nan!!!

Chela she/her Bend : "Mystery is not a problem to be solved." Rev. Marianne Borg

Susan H-W : Brava, Diana, and Marianne, and guests. What a wonderful experience!

Peggy : Thank you

carla : thank you!!!!!!

lance/marilyn : Thanks to all!

tom : Thank you ...

Derek : Thank you for a wonderful event. I will definitely be buying the book

Cynthia : Thanks so much! Shalom all!

Heidi (she/her) : Thank you so very much - this is my first time - so much appreciated!

A. Steven : Very excellent dialogue!

Nancy : Thanks from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

norm : I've read that book; they Borg mystery; It was great!

Margaret : Thank you all for this time !

Susan O : Thank you from Vancouver BC

Barb : Thank you thank you thank you

Laurie : Thank you all for having these.. have a great day

Alexis : Thanks from Laconia, NH!

Donna : The "Last Week" should be required reading for every church minister

jerry : Thank you ALL!!

Andy : Thank you for this conversation.

Chela she/her Bend : Wonderful news!!!

Debbie : Thank you!

David in Nova Scotia : Gratio. Pax et lux!

alison : Thank you so much!

Donna : Thank you so much

Lorraine : Thank you sooo much. I am unstuck now. I have been struggling recently as I have travelled through tLent and are on the path to Jerusalem

Mark : Amen!

yolanda : So grateful for this gathering and conversation!

Lorraine : Amen!!

Lorraine : Fully grateful

david : thanks to both.

Linda : Thank you so much!!

Karen : Thank you very much to both of you!

Harriet : Years ago at the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real the leaders asked that we liked to read pleasure. About half of us said, "Mysteries." The leaders remarked that in a mystery ethical questions are asked, and perhaps answered.

Ron : Thanks Diana, love your humor!

Lorraine : Could folks name some of your favourite mystery writers?

Harriet : Thank you, Marianne, Diana, and Jeff and all.

Peggy : PD James

Sandra : What an awe inspiring session! Gratitude abounds to Marianne & Diana. My heart is full.

造就二组 谢玫(Rosy) : Thank you 🙏 !

Nancy (she/her) : Louise Penny

Laura : such a gift to hear this today

Meaghan : Diana's newsletter, The Cottage on Substack: <https://dianabutlerbass.substack.com>

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Jacob : Hi Diana,

Lorraine : I'd like to say a word please

Rebecca : Any thoughts on Beth Moore's SBC exit?

Alexandre : Many thanks Diana, Marianne, Jeff, Meaghan, all! Be well

Barbara : Please put the name of the poet Diana quoted in the chat.

Judy : If we do not experience injustice, will that cloud our experience of Jesus?

Meaghan : The quote was from David Henson I believe, the priest from NC

Bill Tonnis : I would like to say something

Peggy : With your story, Diane, I was taken back to a conversation 18 years ago with my 10 year old nephew which I would like to share if time.

Richard: The poet/priest is David Henson. @DavidRHensonon Twitter

Richard : Sorry @DavidRHenson on Twitter.

Phil iPad 2019 : It has been a delight to share this time with both of you, and memories of dear Marcus, who I had the pleasure meeting when he was teaching at VST. Phil Sunderland

Sandy : Have a commentt

Nancy : This interp of the Numbers passage for Sunday really helps. Many of us were left speechless in our discussion of this Sunday's lessons. Thank you Diana+

Sandra : Love this ...my story. My husband died 2 years ago March 5th - one year of grief & then the pandemic threw me back into another year of grief.

Lorraine : That is a very tough journey Sandra. My prayers are with you. 🙏

Chela she/her Bend : It's another painful "coming to" to consider the "settler colonialism" of the Hebrews as they "took" (entered) the Promised Land. The upturning of our buried American narratives with respect to the Native peoples -- genocide, assimilation, relocation -- provides a good reflection on what happened 3,000 years ago.

Sandra : I have learned so very much these past two years of grief.

Lorraine : Phil- can we hear your music somewhere?

Meaghan : Listen to Your Heart, Live to Love, Mercy Reigns

carla : Marianne, it is always a pleasure to be reminded of my journey with you all and Dom to Turkey when I was pastoring in Ogen Utah in 2004. And at trinity and then also other places and when Marcu baited Beea College. Blesings

Keith : As another famous feminist, Gloria Steinham, noted, "The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off."

Babs,Edward : Many thanks for the sharing this morning. Blessings to you all.

Bill : Give Praise and Thanks is the other. BillTonnisMusic.wordpress.com

Sara : Diana - I love your posts on Facebook. You are an awesome friend.

carla : Diana will you be at Wild Goose? Look forward always to be with you.

Sandy : A musician like a preacher needs to be ready at any moment to do their thing.

Claudia : Thank you for all of you who have made this an amazing day'

Meaghan : [BillTonnismusic.wordpress.com](http://BillTonnismusic.wordpress.com)

Lorraine : I'm am leaving with happy, grateful tears...thank you Bill....

jacob : So lovely. "And a whisper will be heard from where the ruined house once stood."

Claudia : Amen

Peggy : Lovely

Chela she/her Bend : Beautiful!

Nancy : Thank you to all

Carolyn : Thank you x

Dave & Carolyn : And Amen

Sara : Thank you! Love and blessings to all.

Judy : thank you for sharing your song;all of you.

Meaghan : Thank you all! I will leave the chat open for five minutes if you want to add any additional comments!

alison : Bye everyone!

Virginia : Thank you. That was a really good time. Must now go buy Dianba's book

Oralee : This has been a very moving and tearfully rejoicing morning. With deep gratitude for the liberating thoughts and words and music.