



January 11th, 2025 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

[Participant]: Good morning everyone! Please take a look at your name on your screen. It would be helpful during the plenary if you would make sure that the name on your screen is the name you would like us to use when and if you would like to speak. It is awkward to call on "Trinity Church" or "My iPad"! If you put your curser on your video box you will see three dots in the upper righthand corner. If you click on those dots you will see a pull down menu. Toward the bottom you will see "Rename" as a choice. Click on that and you can let us know that you are "Sarah" or "James" rather than "Akron, Ohio"! Thanks. I look forward to our time together today.

[Participant]: greetings form Laurens, SC

[Participant]: Hello from Colorado

[Participant]: Greetings from central Alberta, Canada

[Participant]: Greetings from Kaukauna, Wisconsin

[Participant]: Hi from Davidson, NC

[Participant]: Hello from Seattle. Beth Bartholomew

[Participant]: Joining you from Chicago

[Participant]: Greetings from Bellingham, WA

[Participant]: Greetings from Victoria, British Columbia

[Participant]: Another good day from Seattle

[Participant]: Greetings from southwest Ontario

[Participant]: Greetings from Battle Ground, WA

[Participant]: Hello from Ames, Iowa!

[Participant]: Tucson, Arizona gives a shout out

[Participant]: Happy sunny morning from Wyoming

[Participant]: Good morning from Milwaukee. The sky is bright and Lake Michigan is blue

[Participant]: Good morning from British Columbia, Canada

[Participant]: Greetings from Portland, OR.

[Participant]: good morning from snowy NH!

[Participant]: Hello from Birmingham, Alabama

[Participant]: Sheila sending greetings from Aberdeen SD

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- [Participant]: Good day from Grafton Ontario Canada
- [Participant]: Hi from Boise, ID
- [Participant]: I just had an epiphany on the word definition of epiphany! 😊
- [Participant]: Hello from Defiance Ohio, snowed in!
- [Participant]: Hello from snowy Maine
- [Participant]: BTW, [Participant] and [Participant] are happy to join from Beaverton, OR...
- [Participant]: Hello from Auckland New Zealand
- [Participant]: The imagery of "virgin birth" is also figurative.
- [Participant]: Greetings from
- [Participant]: Such a beautiful story it must be true, even if it never happened!
- [Participant]: Greetings from Tulsa OK
- [Participant]: Hey Tulsa. I grew up there!
- [Participant]: I grew up in Tulsa, too!
- [Participant]: In trying to explain the emotional content of a deeply personal experience, words fail. The words only can point to the experience.
- [Participant]: I would like to to read THE JOURNEY of he MAGI if Marriane think it appropriate. sheila I think I can do it in 2 or 2.5 minutes!
- [Participant]: I should add that the imagery and context of our ancient stories have to be understood in the context of the time. It is up to us to understand the context of the times the words were written and then hopefully we can translate it into our present situation.
- [Participant]: Poetry allows us to bring our own experiences and longings.
- [Participant]: What is the difference between logos and poem ?
- [Participant]: Is there a source for this - i.e. can we look it up?
- [Participant]: Isn't the unfolding of Life an expression of possibility?
- [Participant]: I'm sorry I missed most of this but I have to agree the doctrines and dogmas unless understood to be a human invention are a complete distraction and very likely to allow the imaginative and diverse relationship with our God be challenged.
- [Participant]: Doctrine and creed put Jesus in a box thereby diminishing possibility of Jesus and his message being more than the words.
- [Participant]: The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry
Book by Mark Oakley

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Dean of Southwark Cathedral - it would be great to get him onto one of these; he is a genius of sermons. 5.30pm Uk time could be very doable.

[Participant]: Thank you [Participant]

[Participant]: Beautiful - thank you!

[Participant]: loved the singing, thank you so much.

[Participant]: <https://poetryinvoice.ca/read/poems/journey-magi>

[Participant]: I'm currently reading Fredriksen's book, WHEN CHRISTIANS WERE JEWS.

[Participant]: Truth: metaphorical and logic/tangible--need both?

[Participant]: Wings of Desire, film by Wim Wenders

[Participant]: Niall Williams' latest book also excellent: Time of the Child

[Participant]: Niall Williams, This is Happiness, a book

[Participant]: Citation for particular Gregory Orr collection Marianne read from?

[Participant]: Name of U of T philosopher?

[Participant]: Concerning the Book That Is the Body of the Beloved (Copper Canyon Press, 2005)

How Beautiful the Beloved (Copper Canyon Press, 2009)

River Inside the River (W. W. Norton & Company, 2013)

The Last Love Poem I Will Ever Write (W. W. Norton & Company, 2019)

[Participant]: Selected books of the beloved 2022.

[Participant]: "According to quantum physics, a particle doesn't exist in a definite state until it is observed, meaning that in the quantum realm, particles can be in multiple states simultaneously until a measurement is made, which then "collapses" the wave function and forces the particle to manifest in a single state: essentially, the act of observation influences the reality of the particle, making it seem like it doesn't exist until it is "seen." Reminds me of Orr's "gaze."

[Participant]: Most recent Geoffrey Orr is the Selected Books of the Beloved

[Participant]: Cheryl McGinnis, Important physics observation.

[Participant]: I believe fear is driving us apart, away from the real language and towards the (safer) superficial.

[Participant]: Jesus (poetry) as an invitation to witness and participate in the unfolding of the mystery of Life.....thank you for that....

[Participant]: [Participant]: My Sour-Sweet Days: George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul

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[Participant]: My book group is currently reading Marcus's Convictions. We are loving it!

[Participant]: Definitely appreciate your presentations. I'm not a heretic, after all!

[Participant]: With you on this journey!

[Participant]: How appreciatively I resonate with your reflections, Marianne...especially today...thanks so much for offering this 2nd Sat. revealing how much company I have out there who can't be with the verbosity of the institutional church!

[Participant]: The recording of this session will be on the website about a week later. All the previous sessions are available now.

[Participant]: Thank you so much, Marianne!

[Participant]: loved Cohen's poem in college (I have the LP !) and it resonates as much or more now.

[Participant]: My Oregon sister-in-law Gretchen Kimsey (who introduced me to 2nd Saturdays) with whom I enjoyed a regular phone chat yesterday, remarked about Timothy Snyder's book, "On Freedom", which connects with this morning from you, Marianne through his ideas contrasting "body" with "soul"...i.e. depth and truth to be found in relationship with our personal darkneses and the world's as well! I may not have used his word for "soul", and haven't read his book yet, which several friends are raving about!

[Participant]: What do you do?

[Participant]: What is the title of the book about the Nicene Creed?

[Participant]: Are we here for the institutions or are the institutions here for us?--Joe

[Participant]: Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts

[Participant]: <https://www.powells.com/book/sweet-lamb-of-heaven-9780393354188>

[Participant]: In my church book group we refer to ourselves as the Whys Guys.

[Participant]: Thank you for these discussions which I hear nowhere else. They have pushed the boundaries for me and have expanded my understandings. I often order new books and films based on them.

[Participant]: [Participant], how can I get onto your Lectionary work???

[Participant]: [email] for [Participant]

[Participant]: DAILEYSTORY@GMAIL

[Participant]: Ditto!

[Participant]: Thank you for sharing your wonderful thoughts! You're a blessing to me.

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[Participant]: to [Participant]...please be in touch with me [email]

[Participant]: Thank you...what a question provoking conversation today!