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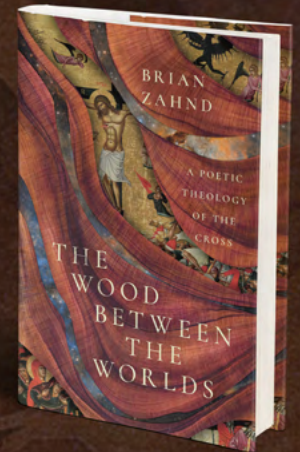


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THE WOOD BETWEEN THE WORLDS:

A Poetic Theology of the Cross

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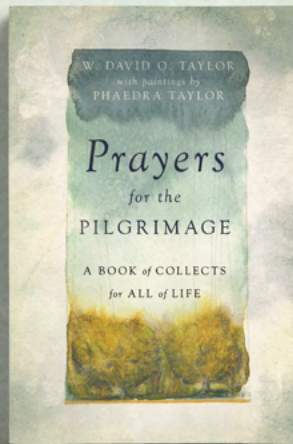
— **JONATHAN MERRITT**, author and contributing writer for *The Atlantic*



BRIAN ZAHND is the founder and lead pastor of [Word of Life Church](#) in St. Joseph, Missouri. Known for his theologically informed preaching and his embrace of the deep and long history of the church, Zahnd provides a forum for pastors to engage with leading theologians and is a frequent conference speaker. He is the author of several books, including [When Everything’s On Fire](#), [Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God](#), [A Farewell to Mars](#), and [Beauty Will Save the World](#).



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PRAYERS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE: *A Book of Collects for All of Life*

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During the pandemic, priest and theologian David Taylor began writing collects (an ancient form of short prayer) as a daily spiritual exercise. It was a way for him to offer back to God his own fears and anxieties. As time went on, he began to receive requests for written prayers from friends and even strangers for a wide variety of circumstances and needs. His collection of prayers grew until it numbered in the hundreds. *Prayers for the Pilgrimage* is a compilation of Taylor's prayers, arranged by topic and accompanied by a series of paintings by his wife, Phaedra.



[W. DAVID O. TAYLOR](#) (ThD, Duke Divinity School) is associate professor of theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and the author of several books, including *A Body of Praise*, and *Glimpses of the New Creation*; he is also the editor of *For the Beauty of the Church* as well as coeditor of [Contemporary Art and the Church](#) and of [The Art of New Creation](#).

Prayers for Morning and Evening
 Prayers for Monday to Sunday
 Prayers for the Secular Calendar
 Prayers for the Church Calendar
 Prayers for Birth to Death
 Prayers for Joy and Sorrow
 Prayers for Sickness and Healing
 Prayers for the Virtues and Vices
 Prayers for Work
 Prayers for Creatives
 Prayers for School
 Prayers for Mundane Life
 Prayers for Public Life
 Prayers for Relational Life
 Prayers for a Violent World
 Prayers for the Love of Neighbor
 Prayers for the Love of Self
 Prayers for the Love of God
 Nature Prayers
 Children's Prayers
 Celtic Prayers
 A Prayer for the Nobodies of the World



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THE ART OF LIVING IN SEASON:

A Year of Reflections for Everyday Saints

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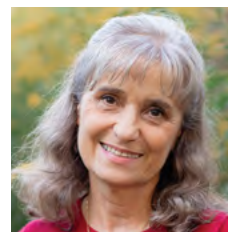


“This wonderful book is artistic in every way. Sylvie Vanhoozer’s study is a powerful reminder that we need to honor seasons in our lives, just as Scripture and the church calendar require, artfully punctuating life’s significant moments. The book is deeply rooted in location, often southern France where Sylvie grew up. Thus it is incarnational in the best sense, as all good art should be. Two types of illustration permeate the book. First, the santons—figures for the crèche from Sylvie’s native Provence—‘saintlets’ which, unlike the haloed figures of classical art, are simply local personages: the baker, the farmer, the seamstress . . . and by implication, you and me. Second, there are marvelous botanical illustrations of plants and vegetables that go with each season, such as the bell flowers for Easter or the thornbush for passion week. This book is not just to be picked up each morning but to be savored all year. As Kevin, Sylvie’s husband, puts it in his foreword, it is ‘life changing.’”

WILLIAM EDGAR, author of *A Supreme Love: The Music of Jazz and the Hope of the Gospel* and professor emeritus of apologetics, Westminster Theological Seminary

“Sylvie Vanhoozer weaves an exquisite telling of what it is to live in the fullness of the seasons, both of nature and the church. From her opening description to closing benediction, a luminous beauty is present in every page. This is a book I want to read and live through again and again, all the year through.”

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publisher of Cultivating Oaks Press

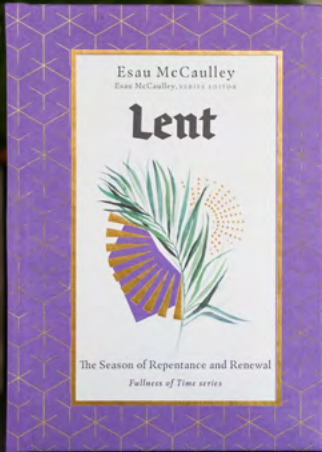


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LENT:

The Season of Repentance and Renewal

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In this short volume, priest and scholar Esau McCaulley introduces the season of Lent, showing us how its prayers and rituals point us not just to our own sinfulness but also beyond it to our merciful Savior.

Each volume in the [Fullness of Time](#) series invites readers to engage with the riches of the church year, exploring the traditions, prayers, Scriptures, and rituals of the seasons of the church calendar.



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"Christians who might have thought Lenten observance was for somebody else will want to let Esau McCaulley guide them into the promise of this church season. Saturated with biblical wisdom, McCaulley's practical guide is the perfect introduction to newcomers to this practice of self-examination and renewal. Moving beyond the superficiality of 'giving something up,' McCaulley takes us into the life-giving purposes for which our forebears offered this gift."

GARWOOD ANDERSON, dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary



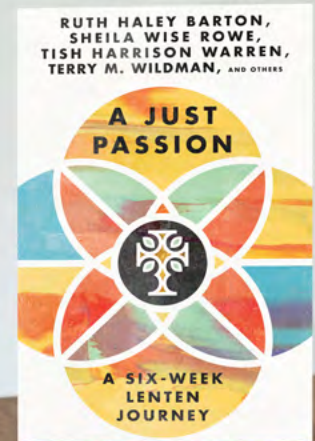
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A JUST PASSION:

A Six-Week Lenten Journey

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“For those who have experienced injustice in their own lives, Lent can be a part of a healing process as we follow Christ’s journey through suffering and passion into resurrection. It is a season for lamenting the brokenness we have experienced in our lives and in the world.”

“These devotionals are designed to be a companion for you in this journey. In this season we can hold our hands and, as Drew Jackson writes, ‘receive [our] enough.’ In this devotional we have gathered riches from heaven for you to explore through God’s Word, breath prayer, and spiritual reading.”

CINDY BUNCH, editor of *A Just Passion*



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