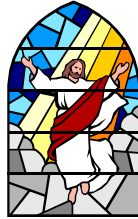


Worship Resources

Prayer to Christ Our Teacher *by Janet Morley*

Christ our teacher,
you reach into our lives
not through instruction, but story.
Open our hearts to be attentive;
that seeing, we may perceive,
and hearing, we may understand,
and understanding, may act upon your
word, in your name. Amen.



Prayer about Humility in Learning *from Kenya*

From the cowardice that dares not face new truth
From the laziness that is contented with half-truth
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
Good Lord, deliver me.

Both prayers are reprinted with permission from
The Beginning of Wisdom: Prayers for Growth and Understanding
edited by Thomas Becknell and Mary Ellen Ashcroft

Hymns Celebrating Holy Scripture

in the *The Hymnal 1982* # 626-634
in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* # 161, 182
in *Voices Found* # 17, 18
in *El Himnario* # 230, 233
in *Wonder Love and Praise* # 788



? WHAT IS THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

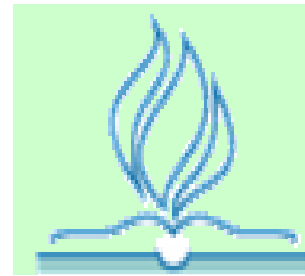
Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold, following a 1997 General Convention resolution, named the first Sunday in February as Theological Education Sunday, an occasion to encourage active participation by all in the search for knowledge of God. Theological Education Sunday (TES) is a time for recognizing and celebrating those places where life-changing Christian learning is experienced and valued.

See www.TEforALL.org to learn more about TES.

Let's Celebrate

Theological Education Sunday

*by Learning to Explore
the Bible*



**They said to each other, "Were our hearts
not burning within us while he was talking to
us on the road, while he was opening the
scriptures to us?"** Luke 24:32

A Short Resource Guide for Life-Long Learners

"The Bible has always been at the centre of Anglican belief and life, embodied and exemplified by the fact that the reading and singing of scripture has always been at the centre of Anglican worship. However, the common phrase "the authority of scripture" can be misleading...Scripture itself, after all, regularly speaks of God as the supreme authority. When Jesus speaks of "all authority in heaven and earth" (Matthew 28:18) he declares that this authority is given, not to the books that his followers will write, but to himself. Jesus, the living Word, is the one to whom the written Word bears witness as God's ultimate and personal self-expression."

-- from *The Windsor Report 2004*, Lambeth, UK

A place to start if you are new to Bible study...

From the New CHURCH'S TEACHING SERIES

Opening the Bible by Roger Ferlo

For many people the Bible is strange and unfamiliar territory, impossible to navigate without a certain kind of knowledge and skill. This book leads readers through the practical difficulties of reading the Bible. Learn why the Bible looks the way it does, the **theology** that lies behind the many different **versions** and **translations**, and how to deal with the notes and cross-references, and the ground rules of reading Scripture for **Anglicans**.

Engaging the Word by Michael Johnston

The companion to *Opening the Bible*, will teach you the key terms and concepts of **biblical criticism** that enable exploration of Scripture on three key levels: the **literal**, **historical**, and **prophetic**. Explore passages that touch on questions of ethics, the nature of God, the teachings of Jesus, and eschatology, and offer vivid insights into the physical setting and geography of the Bible. See the publisher's web site for more information at: <http://www.cowleypublications.org/catalog/default.php>



? Did you know that the Episcopal Church specifies which translations of the Bible are appropriate for use in worship?

You can find the list of authorized versions in the *Constitutions & Canons of the Episcopal Church*, 2003, Title II, Canon 2. They include: the King James and the New Revised Standard (1990) Versions, the 1966 Jerusalem Bible, and the 1976 Good News Bible among others.

"The Episcopal Church believes that God 'inspired' the writers of the Bible to tell his story in their words and frame of reference, rather than conveying God's dictated message to them in an inerrant and infallible record."

-- from *Episcopalians and the Bible* by Carl G. Carlozzi

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search www.faithandwisdom.com

A sampling of resources on the web to assist you with Bible study...

Theological Education for All is a web portal for the Episcopal Church which promotes theological learning at the grass roots in congregations and other faith communities. At this address see "Resources," then "Basic Subjects." <http://teforall.org>

The New Testament Gateway is a comprehensive, up-to-date and user-friendly web site developed Dr. Mark Goodacre, a scripture scholar in England. Find reference materials plus sections on archaeology, Jesus in film and more. <http://ntgateway.com>

Resources for Exegesis This is a website developed by Dr. Catherine Murphy of Santa Clara University and is a list of resources for Hebrew Scripture research and study. It includes a description of methods of textual analysis and guidelines for each. <http://www.relgstudies.scu.edu/facstaff/murphy/courses/exegesis/index.htm>

Bible Dictionary At the American Bible Society's site you will find a host of study resources including a dictionary of key names, words and concepts in the Bible. Click on "Bible Resource Center" at <http://www.americanbible.org/>

Recommended for an interfaith perspective on one of the central stories of the Bible...

A New York Times Bestseller

Abraham:
A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths
by Bruce Feiler

... and by the Dean of one of our Episcopal Seminaries

The Making of Sages: Biblical Wisdom and Contemporary Culture
by Donn F. Morgan