

Lighting of the Candles

We light a candle in the name of the Maker,

Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us...

We light a candle in the name of the Son,

Who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us...

We light a candle in the name of the Spirit

Who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning ...

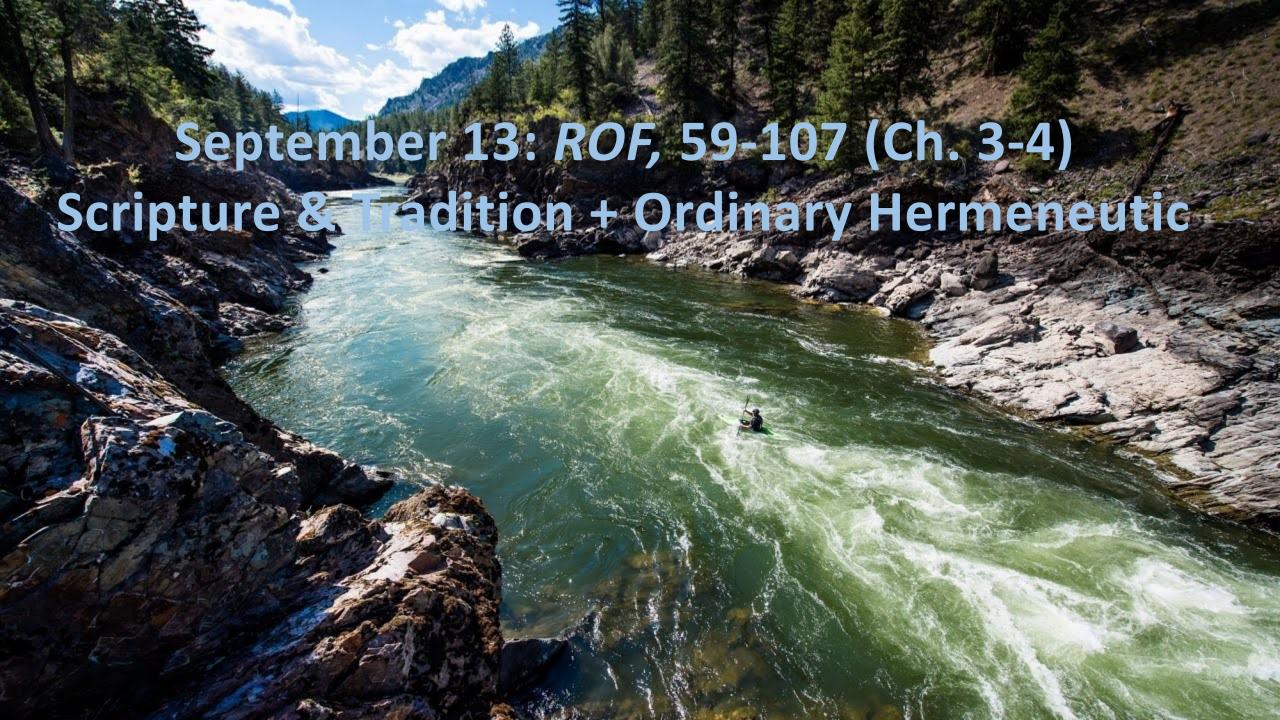
We light three lights for the trinity of love: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us: The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.

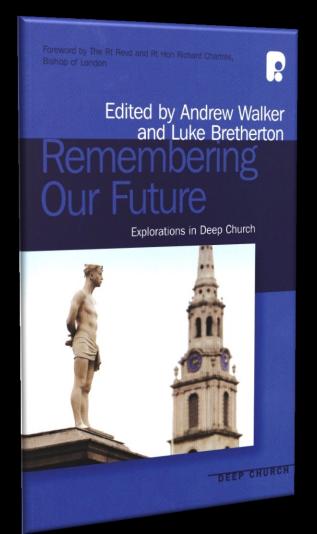
Liturgy | Apostle's Creed (~120–250 AD)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. ...

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On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.





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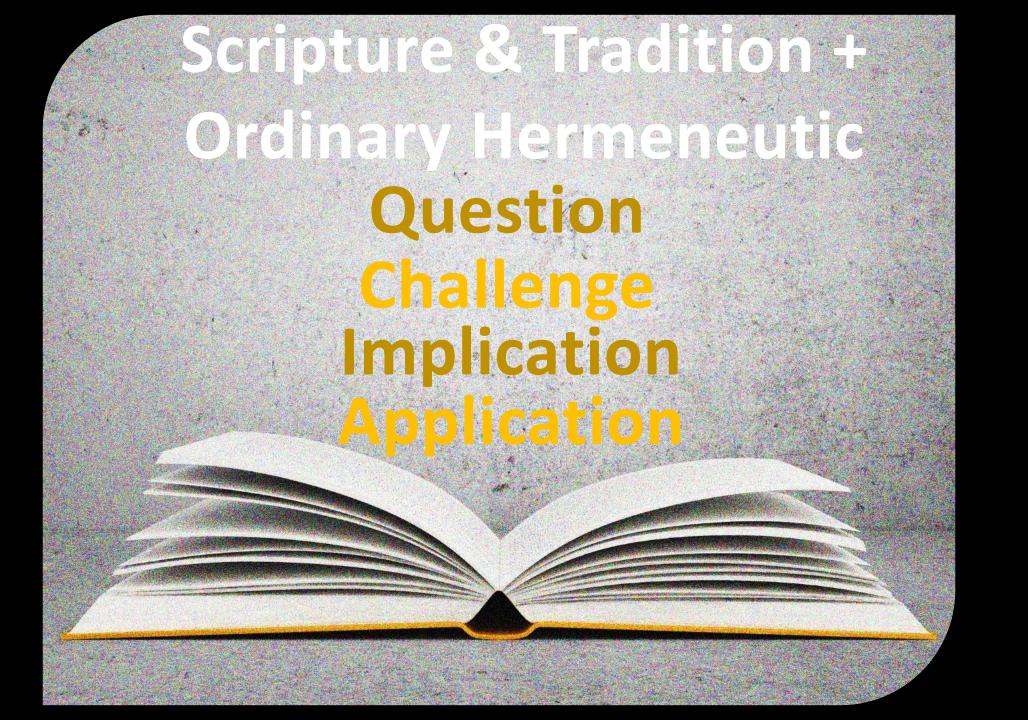
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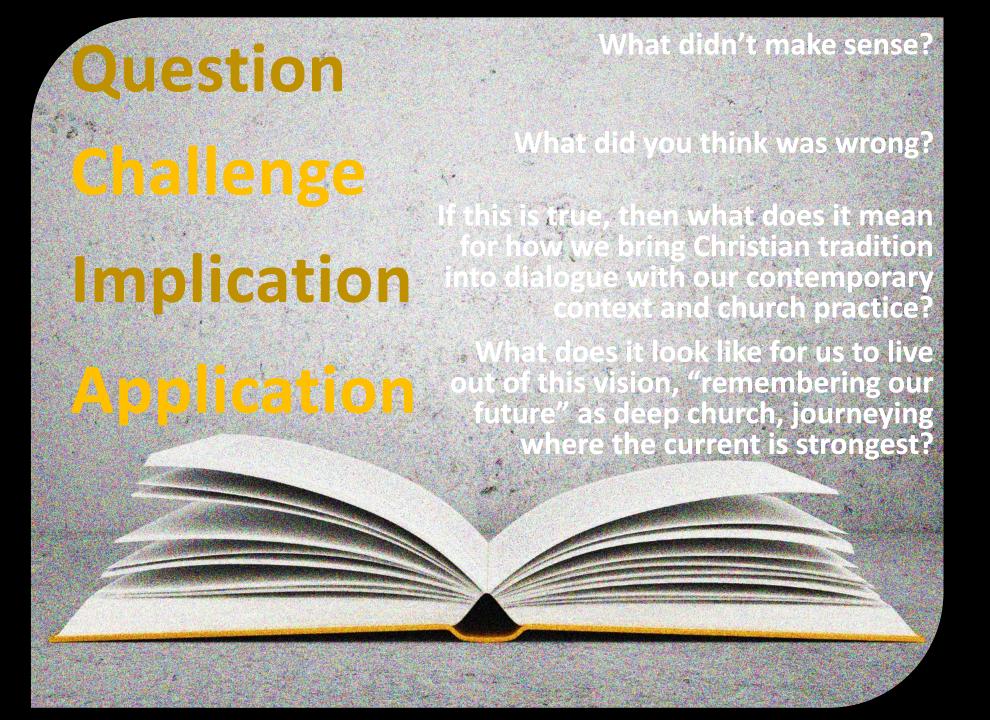
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What practices or traditions have been meaningful to you?



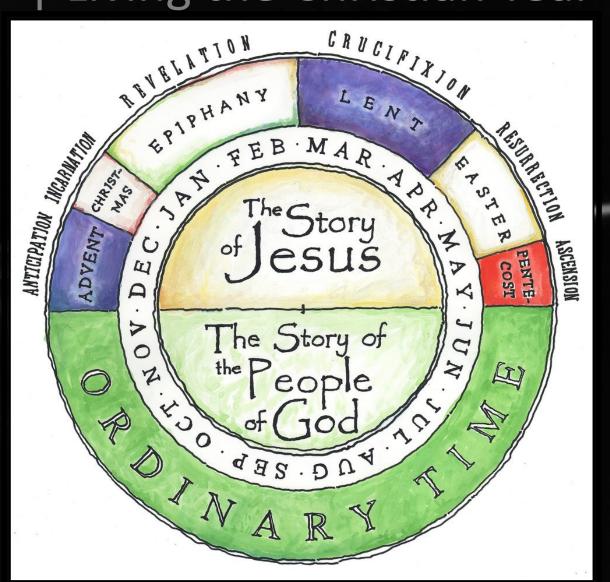
RESPONSE? Implication & Application

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Christian Practices

... rich and repetitive actions we do, over time and often together, which engage our senses and imagination, reminding us of God's presence and aiming us at His Kingdom

The Church Calendar Living the Christian Year



Christmas + Easter



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[Handel's Messiah]

READ | What does Scripture Say?





That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them.

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ...

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

MEDITATE | What is standing out to me? What is this Scripture saying to me?



PRAY | Speak to Your Father about what you have meditated on



CONTEMPLATE | Spend time looking at God and letting God look at us.

Create space that if God wants to give you a special grace gift in relation to this passage, he will.

If not, just relax with him.

READ MEDITATE PRAY ACT

ACT | How would God have me respond?



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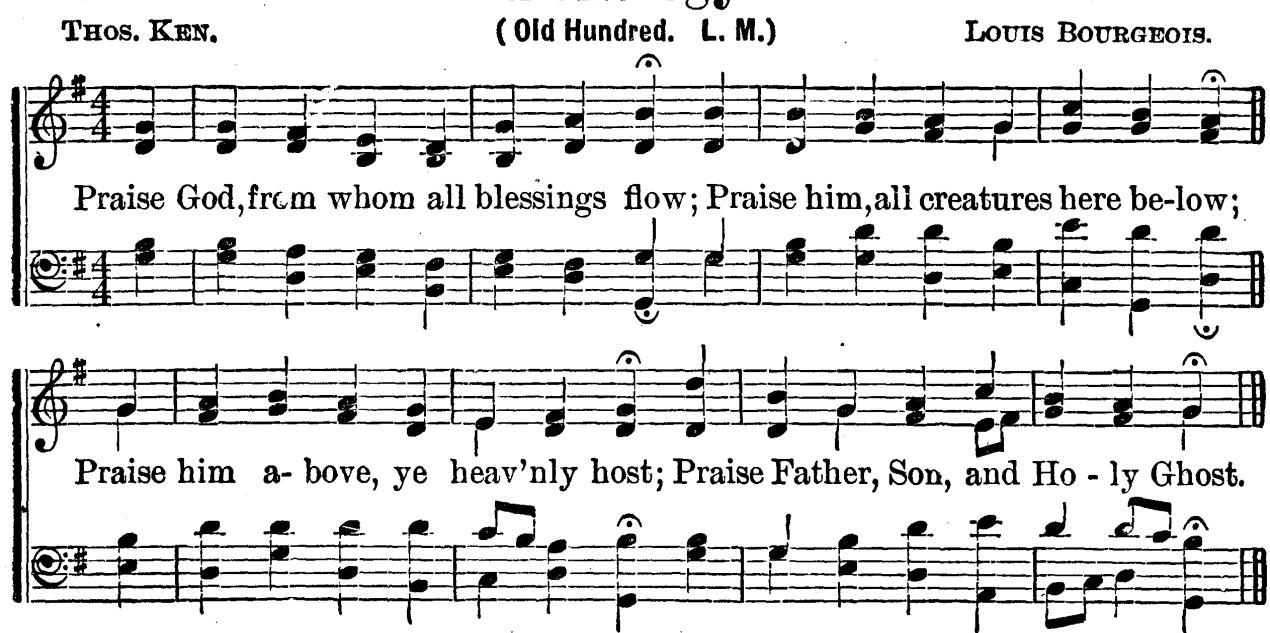


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Doxology.





Sept 27: *ROF,* 108-149 (Ch. 5-6) Deep Scripture + Catholic—Evangelical Worship



The Romance of Orthodoxy, G. K. Chesterton





This is the thrilling romance of Orthodoxy. People have fallen into a foolish habit of speaking of orthodoxy as something heavy, humdrum, and safe. There never was anything so perilous or so exciting as orthodoxy. It was sanity: and to be sane is more dramatic than to be mad. It was the equilibrium of a man behind madly rushing horses, seeming to stoop this way and to sway that, yet in every attitude having the grace of statuary and the accuracy of arithmetic.... It is easy to be a madman: it is easy to be a heretic. It is always easy to let the age have its head; the difficult thing is to keep one's own. It is always easy to be a modernist; as it is easy to be a snob. To have fallen into any of those open traps of error and exaggeration which fashion after fashion and sect after sect set along the historic path of Christendom that would indeed have been simple. It is always simple to fall; there are an infinity of angles at which one falls, only one at which one stands. To have fallen into any one of the fads from Gnosticism to Christian Science would indeed have been obvious and tame. But to have avoided them all has been one whirling adventure; and in my vision the heavenly chariot flies thundering through the ages, the dull heresies sprawling and prostrate, the wild truth reeling but erect.

