



Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney's Lent Course 2024

# THE WAY TO THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY



## RESOURCES FROM THE ARTS THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Today you're invited to reflect on music and art. You may have hymns, pieces of music or art that come to mind as you reflect this week. However, these are offered for places to start.

For pieces of music with words, listen to the words (or look them up), do these resonate with you and what do they make you think of in relation to this Easter and the Resurrection of Christ?

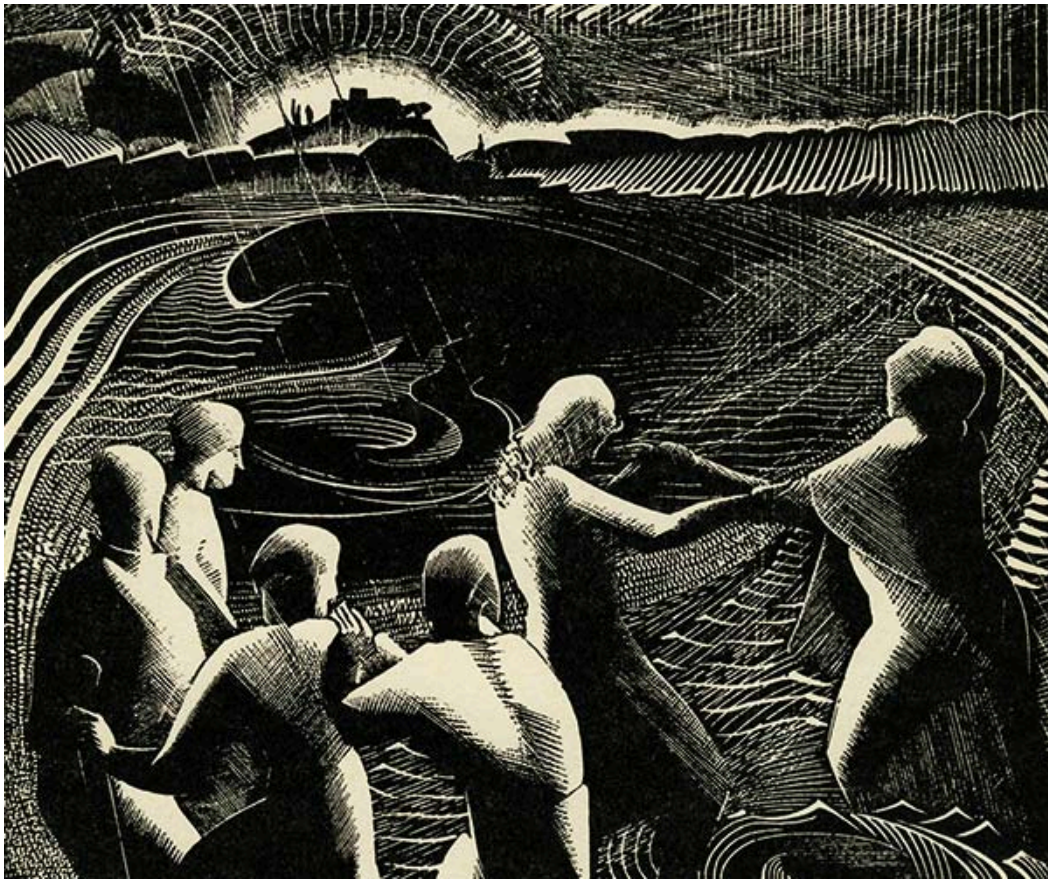
There is a playlist of music suggestions offered in the course (and more) that can be found on [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2sFIFKVbBpfAG5cn1obsRD?si=12ff8c21172e4bec) [https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2sFIFKVbBpfAG5cn1obsRD?si=12ff8c21172e4bec]

### Music for the Seventh Week of Easter

- *Love Bade Me Welcome* by Judith Weir
- *Across the Lands* by Keith Gerry and Stuart Townend
- *The Ascension* by Phil Wickham
- *Crown Him with Many Crowns* by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring
- *Christ triumphant, ever reigning* by Michael Saward and John Barnard.

Collect for the  
Seventh Sunday of  
Easter

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Gertrude Hermes, Pilgrim's Progress (1928, wood engraving from the Cresset Press edition of Pilgrim's Progress).

The image above is a wood engraving illustration for an edition of John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The story is a Christian allegory published in 1678 and is regarded as one of the most significant works in English Literature. It tells the story of a man's journey through considering sin, salvation and life. The second part (for which the above illustration was produced) tells of the pilgrimage of Christian's wife, Christiana, and their sons, and the maiden, Mercy. The lit up place is the Celestial City.

What are you walking towards in your pilgrimage of life? How do you see the Kingdom of God at work in your life and the communities you are part of?

Jesus said,  
“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world ”

*John 17.17-18*

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### *Usual Weekly Pattern*

Sunday  
RCL Eucharist  
Readings and Collect

Monday  
Delving Deeper into  
the Readings

Tuesday  
Words from Others  
(sacred & secular)

Wednesday  
Resources from the  
Arts

Thursday  
Contemplative Acts

Friday  
Personal Reflection  
- what this means to  
me

Saturday  
Acts & Deeds