

**Lenten study begins February 7. Sign up in Sacquety Hall beginning January 20.**

**LENTEN STUDIES 2008**

**“Let Your Life Speak”**

*By Parker Palmer*

Listening for the Voice of Vocation

This book is about finding one's true calling and seeking to live life authentically even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It's about reflecting on our life story's through vocation, lessons learned from disappointment, failure and success.

It asked the question: “Am I living the life that wants to live in me?”

The titles of the meditations are:

Listening to life

How I became myself

When way closes

All the way down

Leading from within

There is a season

**“SACRED SIMPLICITIES”**

*By Lori Knutson*

These little two page stories will help us to be aware that God does surround us as the author shares her experiences of finding God in the ordinary, seeing the divine in the everyday and receiving the gifts, blessings, and surprises in the daily.

The book is divided into six sections in titled:

Seasons and Nature

Connectedness

Broader Views

Life Happens

Going Deep

Reflections on Special Times

**THE ANGLICAN VISION**

*By James E. Griffiss*

The first of a new teaching series for the Episcopal Church. This new series is designed to help us respond to the times and challenges of the new century. This first book is divided into two sections. First “The Origins of Anglicanism” a brief history of the Church's beginning, renewal and mission. The second section “Anglican Believe and Practice” about our beliefs, worship, identity and diversity and the Church as a Sacrament.

In the chapter on mission the author writes about three challenges; “In this century, Episcopalians have turned outward in three important areas: the responsibility of the church in the social order, the ecumenical movement, and the radical challenge presented by the growth and diversity of the Anglican Communion, which reveals Anglicanism in strikingly different contexts. These three challenges have called us beyond ourselves to examine some of our old assumptions and to face new situations.”

**Prayers Praises and Curses**

*By Richard H. Schmidt*

Conversations with the Psalms

The author has taken one or more verses from each of the 150 Psalms and shares with us questions such as: What was the original context? What was the Psalmist trying to say? Can we come to resolution with a sometimes angry God?

He began his “Conversations with God” as a result of his reading through the Psalms as part of his daily devotions: “I have come to appreciate these perplexing, strange and violent passages. Sometimes I disagree with the Psalmists and want to shake my finger at them, but I like their honesty, the fact that they sugar-coat nothing. The Psalter contains every possible human emotion, from lofty to base, from noble to disgusting.”

This book may sometimes startle us, but will certainly begin conversations with each other, ourselves, God and quite possibly the author.