

AT THE EDGE TOGETHER

THOMAS MERTON AND THE WAY OF JESUS



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As we journey to the edge together with Cistercian hermit Thomas Merton, let us share in the best of his contemplative writings while savoring the presence of Christ, who is “the very root of our being.”

In a life cut tragically short, Merton made contributions that live on in contemporary Christianity. He defined the contemplative life and its integration to our common life together. Dr. Allen will unpack the teachings of Merton on contemplation as he related them to creation care, social justice, and especially the True Self. In all of these, Loyd will be connecting Merton’s teachings to current applications.

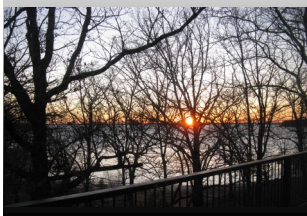


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The Gospels, particularly stories told by Jesus, provide clues to contemporary living in and on the outside edge of the world. In exploring questions Jesus asked, we glimpse possibilities we may have never dreamed about. In solitude and community, we are invited to fully open the Scriptures and engage in a risky, sometimes frightening, and potentially shocking experience. In reflection, we deepen our understanding of the Christian message and its relevance to our lives. In preaching and teaching, Grace Imathiu is in constant demand worldwide. We welcome her back to North Texas.

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SUGGESTED for those who desire to read before coming to the Academy:

- James H. Forest, *Living with Wisdom: A Life of Thomas Merton* (Orbis Books 2008)
- Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation* (New Directions, 2007)
- The Gospels

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