

# Holy Mysteries: Encountering the Risen Jesus

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion groups may use the following prompts as a weekly icebreaker: How have you seen or experienced God's love in the previous week? Put another away, what has been Godly or what was your moment closest to Christ? Next, watch the video and discuss the questions on the screen, which are copied below. Then discuss the readings, using the discussion questions in the text of the book to prompt conversation. Close by sharing prayer concerns and have one person pray for the group's needs.

### **Week One - Mystery**

- Do mysteries appeal to you in novels, movies, or TV? What is the attraction to this genre?
- What experience comes to mind, however big or small, that left you with a feeling of awe?

### **Week Two - Water**

- Why water? How does the outward sign connect to the inward grace the Holy Trinity imparts in baptism?
- What baptism have you been a part of that you have found particularly poignant or meaningful?

### **Week Three - Feast**

- When has a common meal been transformed by who you shared the meal with?
- When has a service of Holy Eucharist been particularly meaningful for you?

### **Week Four - Oil**

- Who have you known whose life inspires you because of the way their words and actions witnessed the Good News of Jesus?
- What gifts has God given you to use in your life in and out of the church?

### **Week Five - Participation**

- Who, for you, embodies Christ-like humility?
- Have you experienced an Aha moment in any of the sacraments in which you felt drawn closer to the love that is God?

### **Week Six - Sacramentality**

- Describe a time in which you felt God's presence in nature?
- How might the sense of the Divine one experiences in creation point toward the God revealed most fully in Jesus?

### **Week Seven - Vocation**

- Who have you seen that captures this sense of a person doing what they were made to do?
- When have you used your gifts in a way that felt good and godly?