

RB 31 and RB 32 Presentation, September 8, 2019
Please bring this handout to the meeting or have it available on your device

12:20-12:30 Gather

12:30-12:35 Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.”

We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen

12:35-12:55 Slide Presentations on RB 31--Linda; RB 32--Ellen

12:55-1:15 RB 31 and RB 32: Small Group Questions--Choose 1 question from RB 31 and 1 question from RB 32.

- The cellarer is obedient to the orders of the abbot. Who are we obedient to? (RB 31)
- How do we treat or relate to difficult people? (RB 31)
- If a person’s handling of a simple tool reveals his or her inner disposition, then how might that disposition show itself when another human being is involved—is the other person “of value” only if his or her “performance” instantly meets expectations?(RB 32)
- In the sacredness of Creation, how do you continue to make little changes or actions within your environment or community to witness to your love of earth? (RB 32)

1:15-1:25 Large Group Sharing

1:25-1:35 Short Break

1:35-2:05 Meet in small book groups & 2 Zoom groups

2:05-2:30 Lectio

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their (starry) host and numbers them, calling them all by name because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the creator of the ends of the earth.
Isaiah, 40: 26, 28

2:30-2:40 Journaling

2:40-2:55 Announcements

2:55-3:00 RB 32 Closing Prayer: Daniel – Song of the Three Jews

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our ancestors, praised be exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name, celebrated and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the temple of your sacred glory, your praises are sung for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, honored and glorified for ever.

Blessed are you who fathom the depths, who are enthroned on the cherubim, praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, praised and glorified for ever.

All the works of the Lord, bless him, praise and glorify him for ever.

Angels of the Lord, bless him, praise and glorify him for ever.

Heavens, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him for ever.

All the waters above the Heavens, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him for ever.

All the powers of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him for ever.

Sun and moon, praise and exalt him for ever. Stars of the heaven, praise and exalt him for ever.

Rain and dew, praise and exalt him for ever. All the winds, praise and exalt him for ever.

Fire and heat, praise and exalt him for ever. Cold and heat, praise and exalt him for ever.

Dew and frost, praise and exalt him for ever. Cold and heat, praise and exalt him for ever.

Frost and snow, praise and exalt him for ever. Days and nights, praise and exalt him for ever.

Light and darkness, praise and exalt him for ever. Lightening and clouds, praise and exalt him for ever.

Earth, praise and exalt him for ever.

Mountains and hills, praise and exalt him for ever.

Everything that sprouts from the earth, praise and exalt him for ever.

Spring of water, praise and exalt him for ever. Seas and rivers, praise and exalt him forever.

Whales and fishes, praise and exalt him for ever. All the birds of heaven praise and exalt him forever. Animals wild and tame, praise and exalt him for ever.

Children of humans, praise and exalt him for ever.