Catholic Women Preach

Raising Voices, Renewing the Church

CYCLE A

Elizabeth Donnelly and Russ Petrus, Editors



Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the views of their authors and do not represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To learn more about Maryknoll and Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.orbisbiks.com.

Copyright © 2022 by FutureChurch

Published by Orbis Books, Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

Queries regarding rights and permissions should be addressed to: Orbis Books, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Manufactured in the United States of America

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Names: Donnelly, Elizabeth A., editor. | Russ, Petrus, editor.

Title: Catholic women preach : raising voices, renewing the church--Cycle A / Elizabeth A. Donnelly and Petrus Russ.

Description: Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2022. | Series: Catholic women preach; Cycle A | Includes bibliographical references. | Summary:

"Homilies by Catholic women following the Sunday lectionary readings for Cycle A"-- Provided by publisher.

Identifiers: LCCN 2022014472 (print) | LCCN 2022014473 (ebook) | ISBN 9781626984837 | ISBN 9781608339457 (epub)

Subjects: LCSH: Catholic Church--Sermons. | Church year sermons. | Common lectionary (1992). Year A. | Sermons--Women authors.

Classification: LCC BX1756.A2 C38 2022 (print) | LCC BX1756.A2 (ebook) | DDC 252/.02--dc23/eng/20220613

LC record available at https://lccn.loc.gov/2022014472

LC ebook record available at https://lccn.loc.gov/2022014473

Barbara E. Reid, OP	XV
Introduction Elizabeth Donnelly and Russ Petrus	xix
Advent	
First Sunday of Advent	
Stay awake! Jamie T. Phelps, OP	3
Second Sunday of Advent	
A change of direction Astrid Lobo Gajiwala	7
Third Sunday of Advent	
Celebrating what is good Kerry A. Robinson	14
Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Taking the long route Nontando Hadebe	18

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Nativity of the Lord	
How are we laboring?	
Christine Schenk, CSJ	23
Feast of the Holy Family	
Caring for the anawim	
Cambria Tortorelli	28
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
Peace shaped by nonviolence, rooted in justice	
Marie Dennis	32
Epiphany of the Lord	
A different way	
Jane Wakahiu, LSOSF	36
Baptism of the Lord	
Baptism: calling us out of our comfort zone	
Jane M. Cruthirds	40
LENT	
Ash Wednesday	
A communal commitment	
Simone Campbell, SSS	47
First Sunday of Lent	
Repentance that flows from love and mercy	
Dianne Bergant, CSA	50

Second Sunday of Lent Seeing Jesus in a new light Laurie Jurecki	53
Third Sunday of Lent The woman who testified	
Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP	57
Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Seeing the world through God's eyes Rachel Bundang	63
Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Do we recognize Jesus weeping with us? Krista Chinchilla-Patzke	69
Holy Week	
Palm Sunday	
Waiting with our suffering God M. Shawn Copeland	75
Holy Thursday	
Hearing and responding to	
God's call to serve people Virginia Saldanha	78
Good Friday	
What do we do with so great a love?	
Joan S. Dawber, SC	81

EASTER SEASON

Easter Sunday The women who did not lose hope	
Margaret A. Farley	87
Second Sunday of Easter	
The visible wounds of Christ	
Jeannie Masterson, CSJ	91
Third Sunday of Easter	
Coming into the fullness of His glory	
Anita P. Baird, DHM	94
Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Cultivating an attitude of silence	
Anne Arabome, SSS	99
Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Seeing ourselves as prophets	
Donna L. Ciangio, OP	103
Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Let's use our voices	
Sarah Attwood Otto	106
Solemnity of the Ascension	
May we begin looking around	
Teresa Maya, CCVI	109
Pentecost	
Trusting the Holy Spirit to shape us	
C. Vanessa White	113

ORDINARY TIME

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
The saving power of innocence	
Diana Culbertson, OP	119
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
We are children of the light	
Jocelyn E. Collen	123
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
God's mad miracle of making do	
Janet Schlichting, OP	127
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Hunger and mercy in our time	
Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy	133
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Fulfilling the law and the prophets	
Kate Ott	137
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
A higher level of justice	
Emily Cortina	141
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Being held in God's maternal arms	
Rhonda Miska	144

Editors' note: Homilies in this volume were given during Cycle A in previous years, when in some cases (here the ninth through eleventh Sundays in Ordinary Time) solemnities took precedence over Sundays.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Let us shrill in the night	
Léo Lushombo	147
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Hospitality personified	
Crista Carrick Mahoney	150
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sharing the burden	
Christine Elisabeth Burke, IBVM	154
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
We are the soil	
Molleen Dupree-Dominguez	158
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
God is a good gardener	
Ruth Fehlker	162
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Drawing from the old and discovering the new	
Maria Teresa Gastón	166
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
The passion that moves the will to justice	
Casey Stanton	169
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Be not afraid	
Louise Akers, SC	174
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
A dialogue with Jesus	
Gerardette Philips, RSCJ	177

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
The true way of authority	
Catherine Mooney	181
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Know better, do better	
Nicole Trahan, FMI	185
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
A people of reconciliation and restoration	
Karen Clifton	189
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
The "good news" of forgiveness	
Jacqueline Regan	193
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Living in the image of God's reign	
Francine Cardman	197
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Go out and work in the vineyard today	
Marge Kloos, SC	200
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
What type of tenant am I?	
Yudith Pereira Rico, RJM	204
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Accepting the invitation to the feast	
Petra Dankova	208
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Letting go of our idols	
Katherine A. Greiner	211

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Journeying with traveling Jesus	
Pauline Hovey	214
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Created to be Christ for others	
Terry Battaglia	218
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
The oil of justice and mercy	
Patricia Smith, RSM	220
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Using our God-given talents	
Rita L. Houlihan	224
SOLEMNITIES AND FEASTS	
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Free to choose	
Barbara E. Reid, OP	231
Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Accepting the mystery of God	
Jutta Battenberg Galindo	235
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	
Holy with hope	
Kathy Lilla Cox	238
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
Who will teach us the steps?	
Antoinette Gutzler, MM	241

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ	
A call to relationship	
Susan Haarman	245
Feast of Saint Mary of Magdala	
Commissioned to speak	
Nontando Hadebe	249
Feast of the Transfiguration	
A feast of visionary hope	
Mary Rose D'Angelo	253
Solemnity of the Assumption	
Not tethered to the Earth	
Joan Chittister, OSB	256
Solemnity of All Saints	
The path of the beatitudes	
Marguerite Barankitse	260
Solemnity of Christ the King	
Jesus, hidden in plain sight	
Norma Pimentel, MJ	263
Preacher Biographies	267