

The lecture series, “*Listening to Other Voices*,” is an attempt by the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey to share their spiritual search for God with friends and visitors to the abbey. In doing so, the monks continue to live the fifteen hundred year tradition of Saint Benedict (480-547) and the monastic movement which followed from his inspiration. For centuries, Benedictine monasteries have been shelters for people in stormy times. They have offered education and learning in many areas of life. They have offered a stable place for people yearning for God, for meaning, for community.

Today, the monks of Hingham continue that tradition. Since 1954 this small community of monks has reached out to thousands of people each year who come for retreats, workshops and conferences, and various social events which bring a sense of community to a people searching for meaning and belonging. Most important to the monks is a life of prayer and reflection. Catholic and non-Catholic alike are welcome to join the monks in Common Prayer which takes place in the Church five times daily. To all visitors, the Benedictine tradition proclaims PAX, peace, and invites you to this special place.

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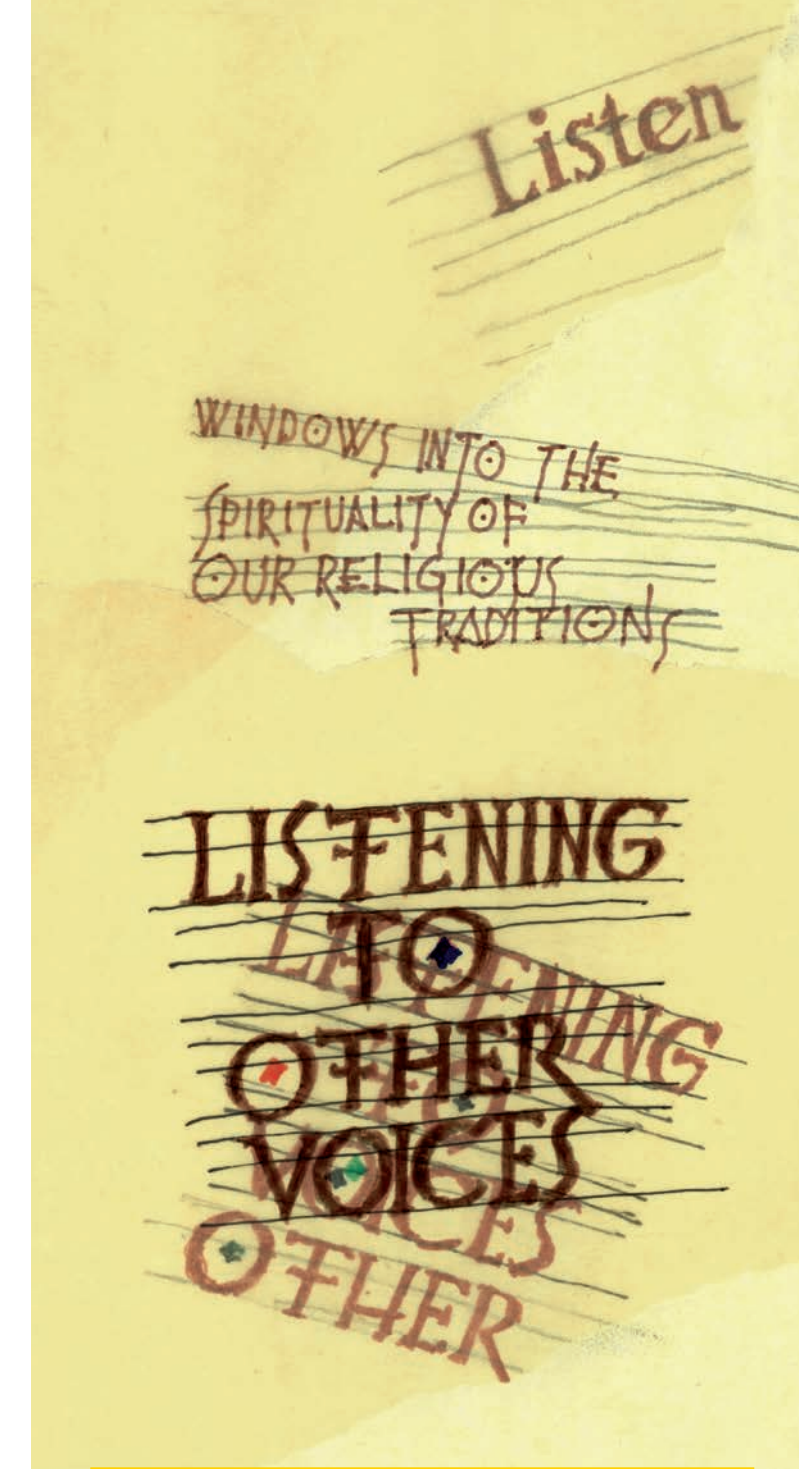
The Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey offer this yearly series as part of their ongoing commitment to interreligious dialogue.

All events are on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15. October and November programs are virtual only. Beginning in January programs will be held at the Morcone Conference Center 16 Hull Street, Hingham, MA. Please check our website at [www.glastonburyabbey.org](http://www.glastonburyabbey.org) for updated information. Seating is limited. First come, first served.

The lectures are free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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“*Hope and Healing in a Fractured World:  
A Faith Response*”  
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# LISTENING TO OTHER VOICES: HOPE AND HEALING IN A FRACTURED WORLD: A FAITH RESPONSE

## From Fr. Timothy Joyce OSB

With much excitement we announce this year's program of our inter-faith lecture series. The theme of this year's series centers on the fractures, the breaks, and the antagonisms that we find today in church and society. However, we feature outstanding persons who address the crises we face with faith and hope. And they also have the experience of having already faced these problems and thereby give us hope.

We shall hear Pádraig Ó Tuama, an Irish poet, who has faced the divide of Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. We shall encounter Bryan Massingale, an African-American priest who has suffered discrimination but challenges us all to face racism and nationalism in our country and church. A change of pace in January will feature Cantor Rosalie Will who promotes music, communal prayer and song in the healing in our communities. A former disciple of Elie Wiesel, Ariel Burger, will draw on Jewish mystical teachings and the wisdom of Wiesel to help us reweave the bonds of human community. David Gushee, a Christian ethicist, will address white evangelism and issues of racial injustice, creation care, gun violence and a new call to Christians. Finally Traci Blackmon, who has ministered on the streets, and works with Rev. William Barber and others, treats the power of community in facing injustices.

This is a really exciting group of people. It should be a fascinating lecture series.

### Programming Notes:

What a year! Thank you for your patience and fidelity as we worked to offer programs during the pandemic. This year we will continue to offer all our lectures/programs virtually, and then shift in January to a hybrid model-when both in-person and virtual presentations will be offered for each event.

**Please Note: We encourage everyone to register online on our website [glastonburyabbey.org](http://glastonburyabbey.org) for each event even if you plan on attending in person. That way, you will have the Zoom information if your plans to attend in person change or if we experience inclement weather.**

Registration on our website [glastonburyabbey.org](http://glastonburyabbey.org) is accepted up to 12:00 pm the day of each event. Beginning in January, we cordially invite you to participate in person when possible. During this transition year, we urge you to check Glastonbury Abbey's Facebook page or website, ([glastonburyabbey.org](http://glastonburyabbey.org)) for possible late changes to programs. Thank you for your support.

## October 21: *What Were You Arguing About Along the Way?*

### Pádraig Ó Tuama

*"And I said to him:*

*Are there answers to all of this?*

*And he said:*

*The answer is in a story*

*And the story is being told"*

Excerpted from Narrative Theology #1

Pádraig Ó Tuama

Pádraig Ó Tuama, poet, theologian, conflict resolution mediator, and storyteller joins us tonight from Columbia University in New York City. From 2014 -2019, Ó Tuama was the leader of Corrymeela, Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation community. Looking at argument and conflict through the lens of a spiritual practice opens up complicated questions about desire, envy, resistance and power in a community. This talk, through text, poetry and story, will consider some of these dynamics. The author of four volumes of poetry, *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community* (2017), *In the Shelter* (2015), *Sorry for your Troubles* (2013), and *Readings from the Books of Exile* (2012), Pádraig is also the host of the podcast *Poetry Unbound* from the On Being Studios. Join us for an inspiring evening of poetry, story and wisdom.

## November 18: *A Spirituality of Racial Metanoia*

### Rev. Bryan Massingale

In 2010, Rev. Massingale published *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, an examination of racism in America from the Civil War to the election of Barack Obama. Noted as the prophetic edge of the Catholic Church in the United States today, Father Massingale is one of the world's leading Catholic social ethicists and a prominent African American theologian. He will explore the many ways to understand racism as a social divide and political reality. At its deepest level, he suggests, racism is a soul sickness, a profound warping of the human spirit that enables people to not care for those who don't look like them. He will describe the social impacts of this spiritual distortion, explore the Gospel's call to deep repentance and offer a path for the profound transformations that are needed to address this spiritual wound and create a more just society. In June, Father Massingale received the national Catholic peace movement's prestigious Pax Christi

2021 Teacher of Peace award. A professor of social ethics and theology at Fordham University, he also is an award-winning contributor to *Commonweal*, *America Magazine* and *The National Catholic Reporter* and is a frequent commentator on ABC New, NPR and the PBS NewsHour.

## January 20: *Prayer, Song, Breath...*

### *Healing for Self and Community*

### Cantor Rosalie Will

How do we heal? How does a country heal? These are questions that are at the forefront to many of us during these times. Cantor Will adds these questions. Why do people gather to pray and to sing? Isn't it enough to work on our own healing alone? By sharing community singing and unpacking what happens in this shared experience, we will reflect on the challenging and beautiful opportunity of communal prayer and song. Worship leader, consultant, performer, Cantor Rosalie Will is the Director of Worship and Music for the Union for Reform Judaism. A consultant to congregations on issues of music and worship, she also has launched *Keshet Shir*, a venture that brings together Jewish musicians from diverse backgrounds to study, collaborate, and create meaningful music, which will enrich worship and strengthen communities.

## February 17: *In Search of Melody: Reweaving the Bonds of Human Community in 2022*

### Rabbi Dr. Ariel Burger

To quote Rabbi Burger, "I was Elie Wiesel's student and although he died in July of 2016, I still am." Rabbi Burger was Elie Wiesel's Teaching Fellow at Boston University from 2003-2008, and indeed, continues to weave the wisdom, experience, and integrity of Wiesel into his current work of teaching and facilitating workshops worldwide. As our societies struggle with issues of polarization, discord, and an increasing inability to communicate across differences, Rabbi Burger explores the tools, methods, text, and tales that can help us. Drawing on Jewish mystical teachings and the wisdom of Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, Rabbi Dr. Ariel Burger will offer a vision of nurturing our shared humanity Rabbi Dr. Burger is the founding director and senior scholar of The Witness Institute, whose mission is to empower emerging leaders, inspired by the life and legacy of Elie Wiesel. He is an author, teacher, and artist whose work integrates

spirituality, the arts, and strategies for social change. An Orthodox rabbi, Ariel received his PhD in Jewish Studies and Conflict Resolution under Elie Wiesel.

## March 17: *Torn Asunder: How White Evangelicalism Became a Central Part of Our National Fracturing.*

### Rev. Dr. David Gushee

When asked why he would pursue a doctoral program in ethics, Dr Gushee replied, "Because it is where faith meets the problems of the world." Indeed, David Gushee, widely regarded as one of the world's leading Christian ethicists is a noted speaker on a wide variety of world issues, ranging from racial injustice, creation care, gun violence, to post-evangelicalism. Tonight's lecture will explore the positions that white evangelicals in America believed; that their message could and should contribute to a nation unified by Christian faith and values. Today, white evangelicalism has become a central part of our national fracturing. This lecture describes why, and suggests paths to a better future. Rev. Dr. David P. Gushee is Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University, and Chair of Christian Social Ethics Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam/IBTS. The author of more than twenty books, his latest is titled *After Evangelicalism: The New Path To A New Christianity*.

## April 21: *Embracing the Power of WE*

### Rev. Traci Blackmon

"Justice for me is best understood in close proximity with the most pained by injustice." As the racial and economic chasm has widened, "we need to stand in the breach," says Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister and Justice Minister for the United Church of Christ (Congregational). As a featured voice on many local, national, and international platforms, Rev. Blackmon's life's work focuses on communal resistance to systemic injustice through the redemptive power of love. Rev. Blackmon rose to national and international recognition as she ministered out on the streets during demonstrations and after the murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. As an ordained minister and a graduate in nursing, she has been a guest at the Vatican and the White House and, among other awards, is the recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks Award and works closely with the Rev. William Barber, social justice warrior.