

Midweek Lent (March 7) — Week 3

Questions for reflection, from reading pages 73-95 in

“God For Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter”

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1. What is the Third Sunday in Lent sometimes called in Orthodox Christian tradition? What change does this day indicate in the focus of the Lenten journey? (p.83-85)
2. How does the image of a vulnerable God (p.80) sit with you? Why?
3. In one of the daily Gospel readings from John 7, the Jesus talks about the Jewish celebration of Sukkot. What can this Festival of Huts teach us about our faith journey? (p.78-80)
4. Comment on at least one of the following, in relation to Lent and/or Easter:
 - a. Earth’s mourning (p.73-75)
 - b. Baptismal preparation (p.83-84)
 - c. The ‘bright sadness’ (p.86-87)
 - d. The gift of repentance (p.83-84,89,92)
5. If faith is ‘not simply a matter of propositions, nor of doctrines, nor of ideas’, what else is it? (p.90-92)
6. What surprised you most from the readings this week? What interpretation challenged you?
7. What phrase, scripture, prayer or sentence inspired you the most — from this third week of readings? How does this insight affect your Lenten discipline?