



# *Leaning into the Heart of the Holy*

*2016 Lenten Devotions*

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## ***WHERE IS GOD?***

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It's as if what is unbreakable—  
the very pulse of life—waits for  
everything else to be torn away,  
and then in the bareness that  
only silence and suffering and  
great love can expose, it dares  
to speak through us and to us.

It seems to say, if you want to last,  
hold on to nothing. If you want  
to know love, let in everything.  
If you want to feel the presence  
of everything, stop counting the  
things that break along the way.

## **Prayer: The Prayer of St. Richard\***

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

\*St Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253) is the patron Saint of Sussex, England. He is said to have spoken these words shortly before dying.

## **John 12:27-36**

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.