

## Sacred Spaces 2019

*We need to talk.*

Whether you're hearing or speaking them, these words come with a certain weight—with the sense that *maybe we should have done this before*. An issue has come up. Someone has news. Something has gotten out of balance, or out of hand.

But they're good words, because we talk *in relationship*. We talk because we haven't given up. We talk to reconnect, to clear the air, to confront, to affirm, to heal.

Initiating a conversation is a commitment to someone. And today, you've cleared some very sacred space in your day to have a conversation with Jesus. Four meditations will help you get started. Four spaces have been prepared just for you.

Recall or imagine a conversation that mattered: a turning point in a relationship; an honest, unfiltered heart-to-heart; words without hurry or distraction. *That conversation can happen today*. And it can be the first of many, with God and with people in your life.

*But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:19*

*No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

*Welcome*. You have arrived at the house of a friend. Hang up your coat, quiet your phone, and take a deep breath. Come on in. This is Holy Week. This is Sacred Spaces. This experience is waiting for you.

*When you're ready, proceed to any of the four spaces. You will find a card with a meditation and instructions. You can also find these texts on the Grace Chapel app (Grace Chapel Connect).*

*You may visit the spaces in any order, and stay as long in each as you like. Please observe silence as best you can, to preserve the experience of others. May your journey through Lent be meaningful, and may you truly celebrate on Easter.*