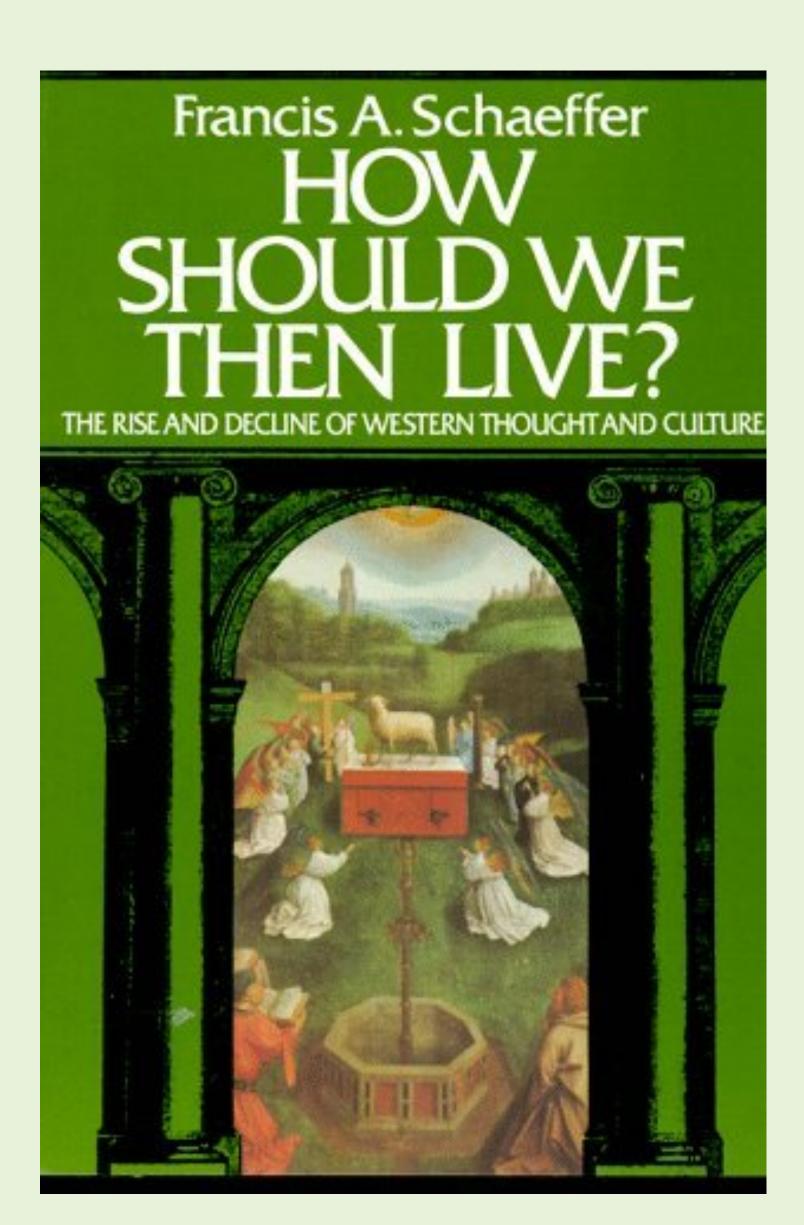
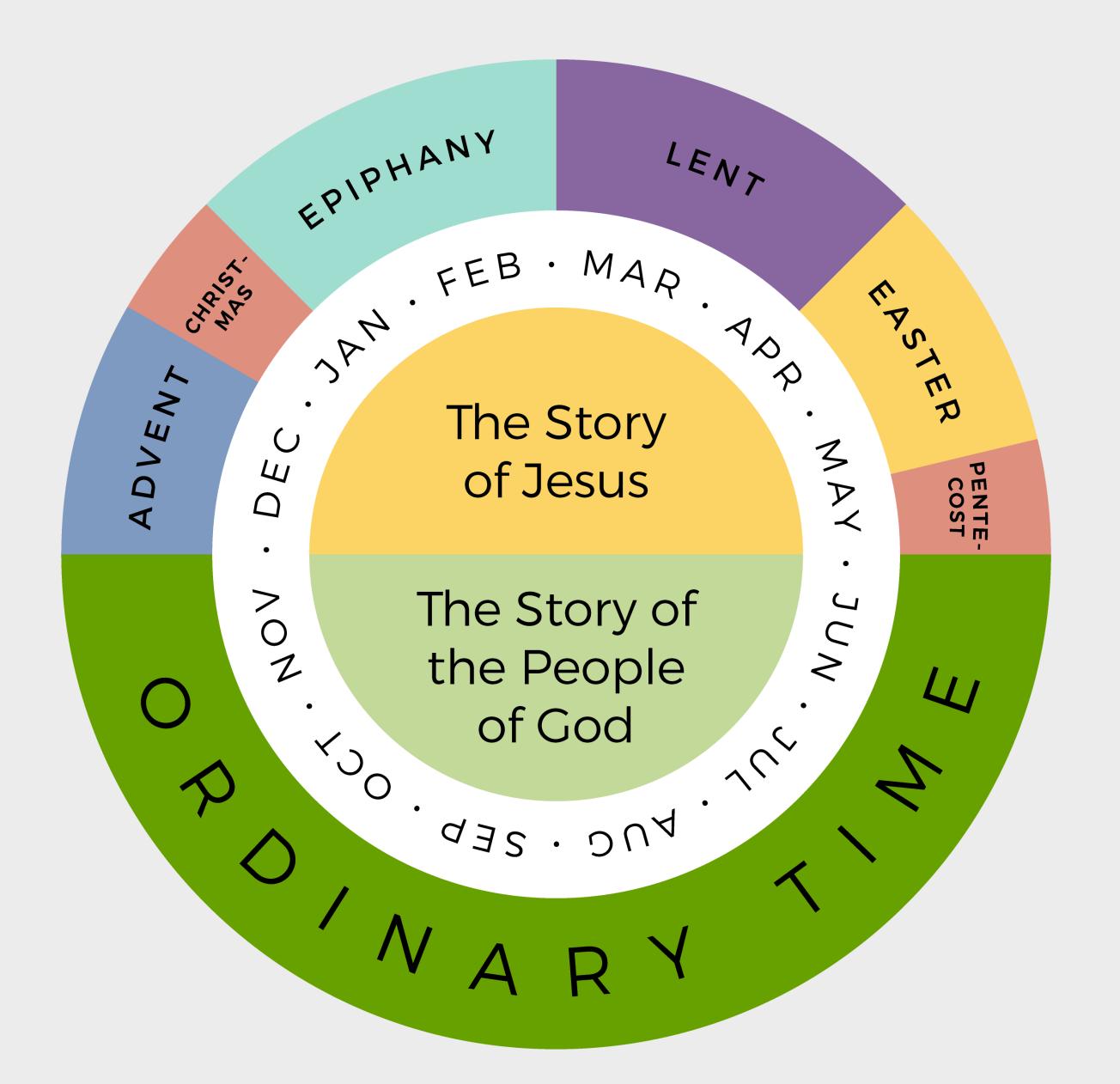
A Liturgical Year

Ordinary Time











Trinity, After Rublev

Meg Wroe

(from the Iona Chapel)

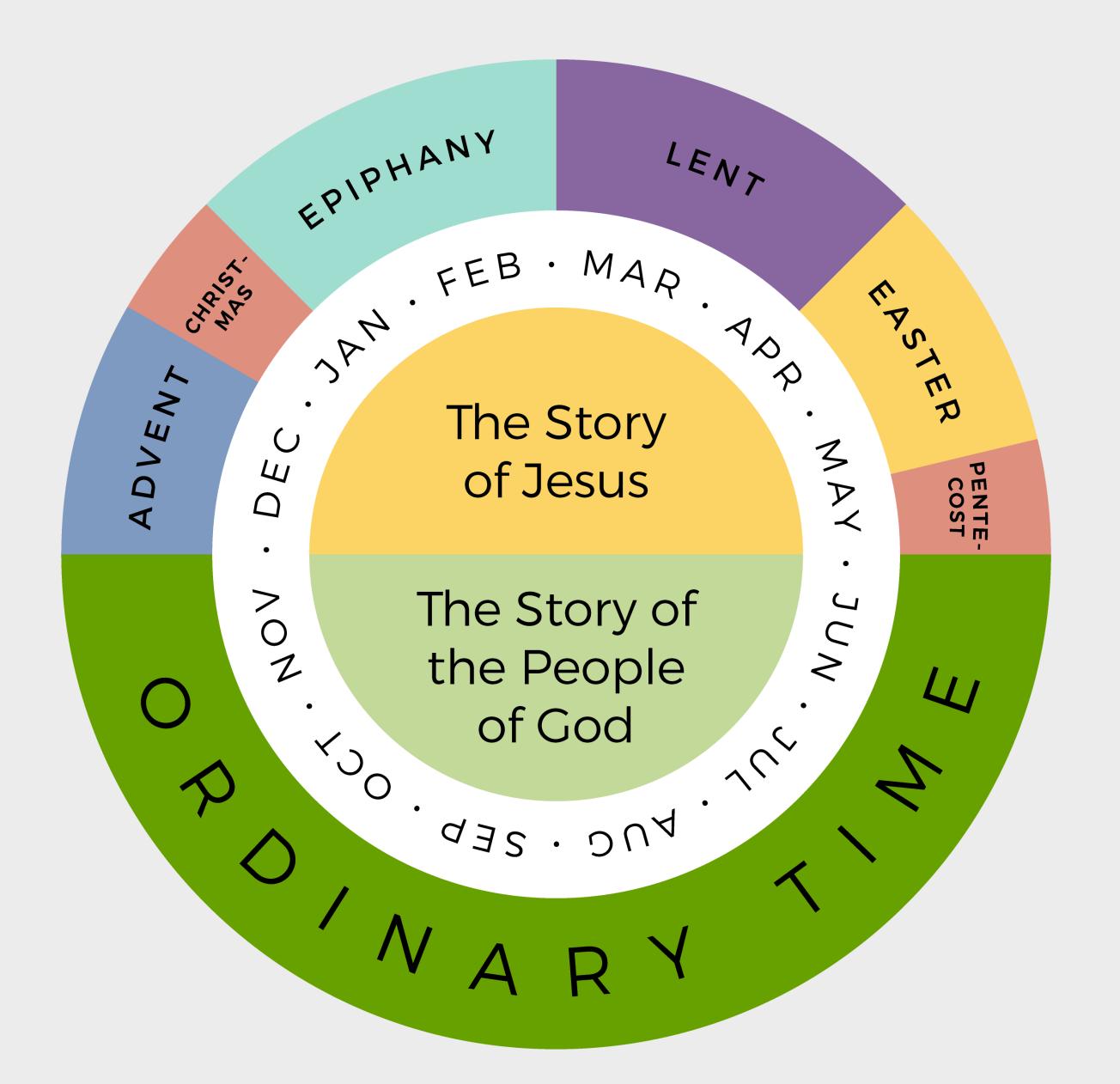
...suddenly the sound of a great windstorm came from the spirit-world above and could be heard throughout the house where they were sitting. They saw flames of fire coming down from above, separating and resting of each of their heads. The Holy Spirit had come down upon them and began to fill them with his life and power. New languages began to flow out from their mouths...

Acts 2:2-4

Ordinary Time is a time for making the faith the force of daily life. This is the time that makes dailiness, stability, fidelity, and constancy the marks of what it takes for Christians to be Christian the rest of the year.



Sister Joan Chittister

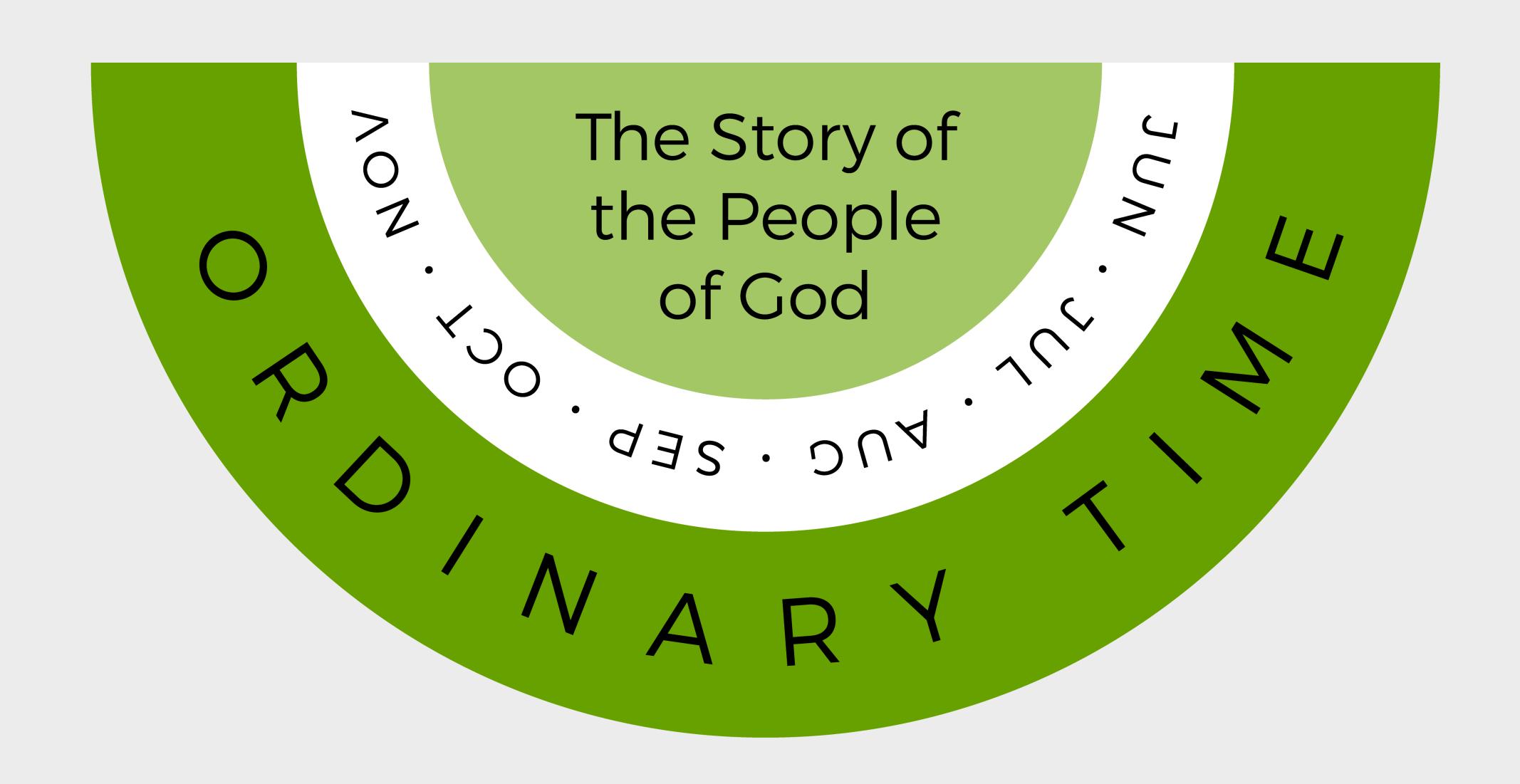


If you love me, obey my commandments and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will lever leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...I will not abandon you as orphans – I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me...

John 14:15-19

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Romans 8:16-18



The promise of the Spirit does not come to completely faithful, courageous people, already loving one another and the world boldly, already worshiping in spirit and truth. It comes in the midst of confusion and fear, which has made them unable to grasp what he is saying, and it is the answer to that Jesus makes the promise of the Spirit, emerging from the mutual love of the Father and Son for one another and for us, into which they and we are invited... (1/2)

...at the very moment when such grace seems most beyond their grasp and ours. In this text Jesus tells them that simply in their love for this person they know, they are opening their hearts to the presence of God in them in the form of another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will guide them and embolden them for love. (2/2)

On John 14:8-17 [25-27] -Meda Stamper