

Dear Kenilworth Friends

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I am aware of the constant push and pull between fluency and accuracy in sermons. To date I have erred on the side of accuracy. However, I am sacrificing a lot of the smoothness of text in order to do so. It makes it increasingly difficult to “read” out loud, and if I find it difficult I imagine the congregation does too. Typing endnotes or a bibliography is impractical as I can’t really type: 3 fingers at best. It would take up too much of my part-time time to do well. So I hope I have come up with a compromise.

In the next few weeks I will draft a comprehensive bibliography of scholarly texts that I have at home. In the interim, please see below:

*Today I was unable to address both **Palm Sunday** and **Passion Sunday** in the same sermon. I opted for Passion Sunday. But since the brilliant Diana Butler Bass almost always says what I want to say (only better) I give you her full reflections for this Palm Sunday. It will be on the table in the Fireside Room.*

You can find her public theologian discourse on Substack among others I admire including:

The Convocation (Kristin Du Mez, Diana Butler Bass, Jemar Tisby, and Robert P. Jones), The Amalgamation (Reverend Bruce Reyes Chow), Reverends John Pavlovitz, Kate Bowler, Reverends Zach Lambert, Ben Cremer, and Tripp Fuller.

I also depend heavily on Working Preacher by Luther Seminary, Pulpit Fiction, SALT, Feasting on the Word, Connections, LOGOS, and anything by The Presbyterian Outlook...as well as Stephen Colbert and Seth Myers, The Toronto Star, Dan Rather, the inimitable John Oliver, The Guardian (Australia) The Christian Century, The Economist, the NYT, as well as the BBC; Poets John Odonohue, David Whyte and Mary Oliver are treasured and so is a little book called The Bible. I have even been known to quote Foghorn Leghorn...and, of course, John Calvin

The list is not exhaustive and varies from week to week, and I often cannot remember who said what, unless it is a direct quote, but I am conscious of attribution issues so I leave it here.

Blessings, Pastor Susan