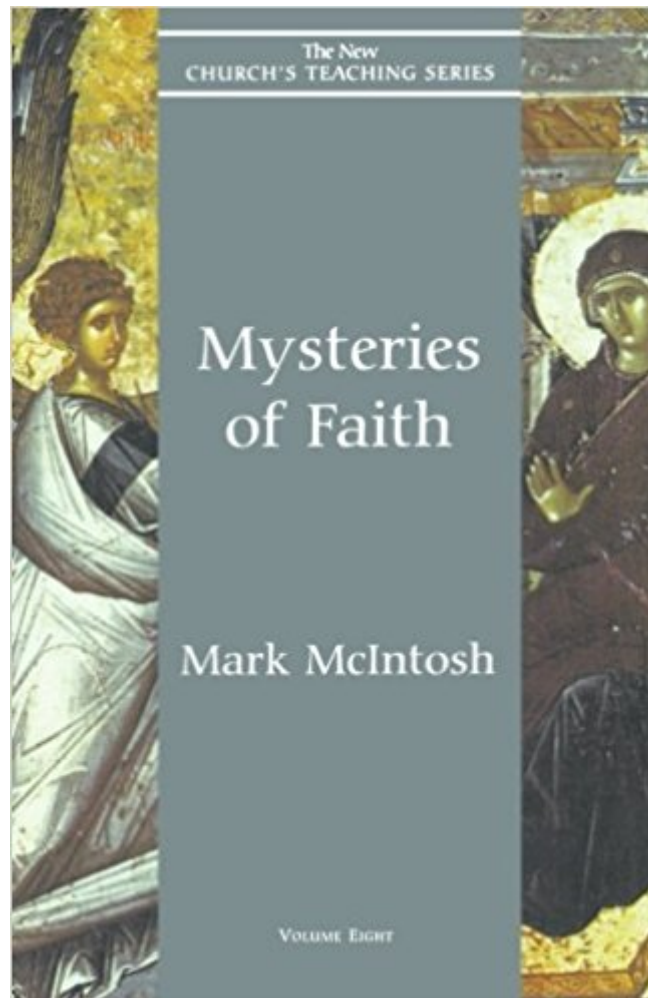




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# **Mysteries Of Faith (New Church's Teaching Series)**



## Synopsis

In this volume of The New Church's Teaching Series, Mark McIntosh introduces the great mysteries of the Christian faith: the doctrines of creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, and eschatology, which are all held together by the doctrine of the Trinity. To explain these beliefs for Christians today, particularly the Trinity, McIntosh begins with what we know: the language of relationship and mutuality, of friendship and family ties. The central theme of the book is our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with our neighbor, for such mutuality lies at the heart of every doctrine.

McIntosh's starting point is the fact that every one of us is a theologian, for we are all drawn to approach the mysteries of faith with attention and love. By drawing on our common experiences as members of a community of faith, particularly through the sacraments of baptism and eucharist, he helps us to explore these mysteries for ourselves and to see how we might live them in our daily lives. As with each book in The New Church's Teaching Series, recommended resources for further reading and questions for discussion are included.

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Defining theology as "the struggle to put what has been understood in prayer into words" (p. xi), McIntosh shows that theology is a natural part of every Christian life. (Anglican Theological Review) Mysteries of Faith introduces the Christian doctrines of creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, and eschatology—all held together by the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity. . . .

[This book] is an ideal introduction to exploring these essential concepts by drawing on our common experiences as members of a community of faith, especially as reflected through the sacraments of baptism and eucharist, to understand how we might live them in our daily lives. (Midwest Book Review) Three strengths mark this volume. The teaching is orthodox; it is clear; and it speaks to the heart, claiming the believer as a whole person who is invited to think as a Christian but also to worship and live as a Christian. (Virginia Seminary Journal) Although part of a series for Anglicans, *Mysteries of Faith* provides an engaging, lucid, and accessible examination of [Christianity's] central doctrines that should benefit members of other denominations as well. It would be hard to conceive of a better treatment written for laypersons, or one that makes the mysteries of faith more real and relevant (Christian Library Journal)

Mark McIntosh is an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Chicago and associate professor of systematic theology and spirituality at Loyola University. He is the author of *Christology from Within* and *Mystical Theology: The Integrity of Spirituality and Theology*.

A good discussion on basics of Anglican theology - including the incarnation, faith and forgiveness, knowing God, knowing Christ, love and general Christology. The amazing component for me as a non-Anglican is that the Anglican tradition is so non-dogmatic that even the dogmatic theology is a balanced, open and "middle way" approach. A good primer to someone new to the Episcopal or Anglican tradition, to someone wanting to put a toe in the turbid waters of dogmatic theology, or to someone new to Christianity.

Great

good read

Great series from an Anglican point of view.

I found this in the Episcopal convent bookstore after hearing the nuns read in during dinner at our women's retreat. This book does seem to draw you into a divine presence and it felt like that as it was being read to us. McIntosh has a light style of writing that is both simple and profound. He brings complex ideas right into your heart with clarity and sincerity. For anyone who both wants to know more and to feed the faith already flowering, this is a wonderful way to continue the journey.

Worthwhile read.

Some things in the bible just don't seem possible. This book is a good read and allows you to be a better christian.

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