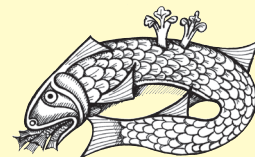
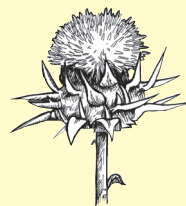
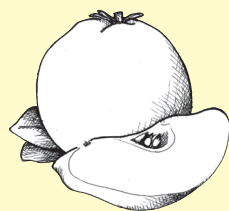


Have you stood in front of a painting and thought, *What does this mean?*



The *Art of Faith* answers this question again and again, with insight and verve, providing a thorough reference to Christian art through the centuries. Practical and easy to read, this book unfolds the bygone world of Christian images for believers who want to enrich their faith, college students studying art history, and travelers to religious sites. With this book in hand, you can visit museums, churches, or other sacred places and identify a work of art's style and meaning. Or even explore the signs and symbols of your local church.

Whatever your relationship to art or Christianity, open this book when you're curious about a painting, sculpture, symbol, or other sacred work. It will answer your questions about *The Art of Faith*.



JUDITH COUCHMAN
The ART of FAITH
A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING
CHRISTIAN IMAGES

"Prompted by the conviction that attention to images can enrich the life of the spirit, Couchman has produced an enormously useful and beautifully written resource for beginners and experts alike. This work is permeated with the love of art that has been enlivened by a deep faith."

—Robin Margaret Jensen, Vanderbilt University

Professor of the History of Christian Art and Worship;

Author of *The Substance of Things Seen: Art, Faith and the Christian Community*

"Couchman offers a readable and user-friendly guide to deciphering and interpreting Christian visual art. She is rightly keen to meet the urgent need for a new depth of theological vision in the church and beyond."

—Jeremy Begbie, Duke Divinity School

Author of *Voicing Creation's Praise: Towards a Theology of the Arts*

The Art of Faith

A Guide to Understanding Christian Images

by Judith Couchman

Illustrations by Anne Elhajoui and Khaleelah Elhajoui

Paraclete Press • \$22.99 • www.paracletepress.com • 304 pages • ISBN 9781557256300

See a video about *The Art of Faith* on YouTube. Search for "The Art of Faith Book Trailer."

Learn more about Judith Couchman at www.judithcouchman.com.