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STEPHEN BURNS is Associate Professor of Liturgical Theology and the Study of Anglicanism at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a priest of the Church of England and studied theology at the universities of Durham (BA, MA, PhD) and Cambridge (MLitt), specializing in sacramental and liturgical theology.

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ANNE E. KITCH is the Canon to the Ordinary and Canon for Formation in the Christian Faith in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. She is a well-known and respected author of numerous books, including Taking the Plunge: Baptism and Parenting, What We Do in Church, What We Do in Lent, What We Do in Advent, Water of Baptism/Water of Life, Bless This Day, and The Anglican Family Prayer Book. She lives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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For families, Sunday School classes

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Under the Fig Tree
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ROGER HUTCHISON
FOREWORD BY FLEMING RUTLEDGE

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ROGER HUTCHISON is an artist and Canon for Children's Ministries at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina. His first book, The Painting Table: A Journal of Loss and Joy, has been used by people of all ages in schools, churches, and community groups across the United States. His artwork has been exhibited throughout the world, and he regularly offers workshops for children, youth, and adults on how to express their thoughts and relationship with God through the art of painting with one's hands, making it accessible to all. He lives in Elgin, South Carolina.

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