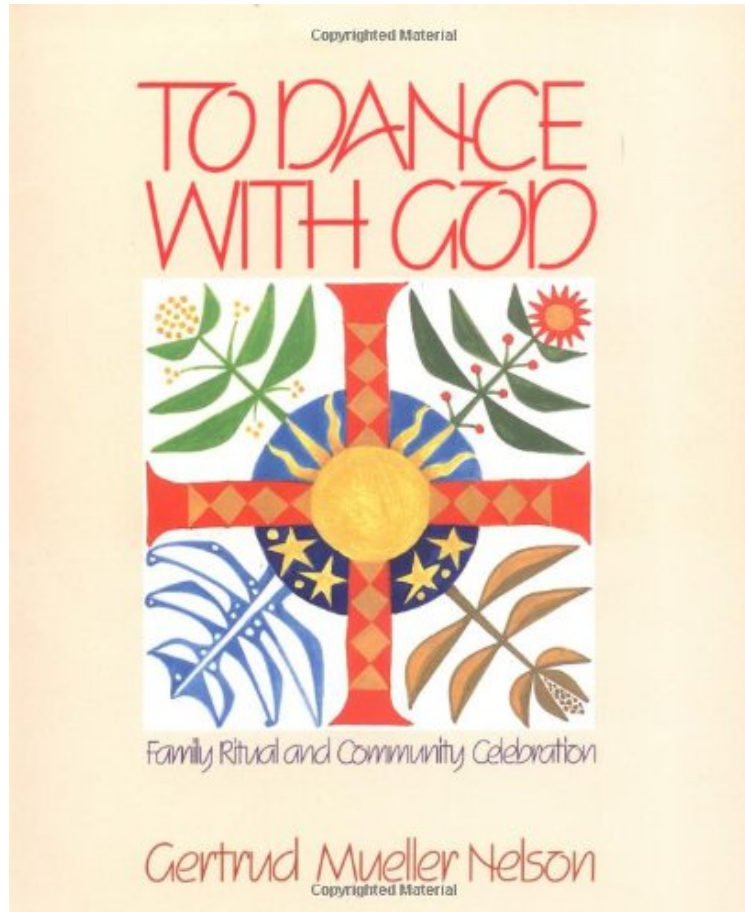


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Bring the beauty of seasonal rhythms into your home and faith community. By Heather L Monkmeyer This book, To Dance With God, has shaped our family's and our communities church year more than any other resource. Gertrud Mueller Nelson seriously informed my parenting more than any other writer. Bringing the beauty of seasonal rhythms into our home and then into our faith community charged our lives with intention and meaning. It started with St. Nicholas day as a family breakfast and over the years turned into a large community group gathering based on GMN's description of her community's observance. Her Advent and Lent histories and invitations are deep and wonderful. Mardi Gras/Carnival was an event we learned about from GMN and added into our calendar. I introduced it to my new congregation this year. The children's ministry and the youth ministry and spiritual formation collaborated and it was a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent (a teaching moment) with a very intergenerational crowd. Easter sunrise outdoor services in a park were also inspired by her

complete with water, wind, and fire. Wow. I've learned a lot from Gertrud and her writing. Our younger daughter will graduate in a few weeks and it causes me to consider all I did and didn't do as a parent. What GMN opened to me, I passed on to her, and I believe she will pass similar gifts to her children. My copy is dog-eared and full of notes. Enjoy, Everyone!!

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Heartwarming, gentle inspiration
By Jonell Kelsey
To Dance With God has been on my bedside bookshelf for years. I read it every Advent and when I'm feeling down. I have bought copies for my children as they have begun their own families. It's not just for Catholics but for anyone who wants to establish treasured traditions in their homes and to inspire thoughtful circumspection in the frenzy of the holidays. Beautiful illustrations and suggestions for decor and food.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Grandparents: get yourself a gift
By D. Olson
Making memories that last a lifetime is at the heart of it when I think of spending time with children. Such memories are often best grounded in meaningful ritual. If you are a grandparent, I can think of no better avenue for generating the building of meaningful memories than this beautiful book provides. Gift it to yourself and/or others you love. You'll not be disappointed.

Shows how to use ritual and celebration throughout the church year by creatively combining rites and folk customs to celebrate sacred mysteries. "Gertrud Nelson has written a book on ritual that is one of a kind. Her exquisitely written volume covers the history, psychology and spirituality of ritual in general and Christian ritual in particular. Enlivened by pithy and insightful examples, many of them drawn from her own family life, Ms. Nelson penetrates to the heart of the meaning of ritual and ceremony in a fresh way. She manages to escape the trap of many writers on this subject--superficial piety--and makes relevant for the modern reader the importance of ritual for connecting us to the meaning and flow of life. I would not have thought in today's rationalistic age that the ceremonies of life could be made vital again as cogently and splendidly as has been done in this book. Sometimes even single sentences speak volumes: 'It is Advent, and we, a people, are pregnant.' This is a book to be read carefully, perhaps only a few pages a day. Reading the book can become a ritual, especially for Christian people to whom it is primarily addressed. Beautiful illustrations by the author add to the expressiveness of this carefully composed work. This book may prove to be a classic treatment of the meaning of ritual for this modern era." --John Sanford

Beautifully written and packed with creative ideas for worship celebrations and activities for the entire church year. --
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To Dance with God has been an important book in my life for some time now. --Bill Moyers