

## **Lent is a Season for Renewal**

We all experience “knots” in our lives: difficulties, wounds, hardness of heart. Lent is an opportunity to let God work on those knots, turning us upside down and inside out—remaking, reshaping and recasting us in God's image. You are invited to take a strip of fabric and to tie knots in the cloth as you think of the knots in your life. Through Lent, you might keep the cloth with you, adding and untying knots as you notice God at work in you and through you.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Jeremías 31:31-34 (DHH)**

El Señor afirma: «Vendrá un día en que haré una nueva alianza con Israel y con Judá. Esta alianza no será como la que hice con sus antepasados, cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto; porque ellos quebrantaron mi alianza, a pesar de que yo era su dueño. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo. Ésta será la alianza que haré con Israel en aquel tiempo: Pondré mi ley en su corazón y la escribiré en su mente. Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo. Ya no será necesario que unos a otros, amigos y parientes, tengan que instruirse para que me conozcan, porque todos, desde el más grande hasta el más pequeño, me conocerán. Yo les perdonaré su maldad y no me acordaré más de sus pecados. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo.»