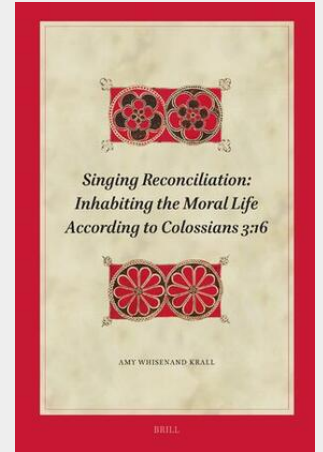


## Singing Reconciliation: Inhabiting the Moral Life According to Colossians 3:16

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