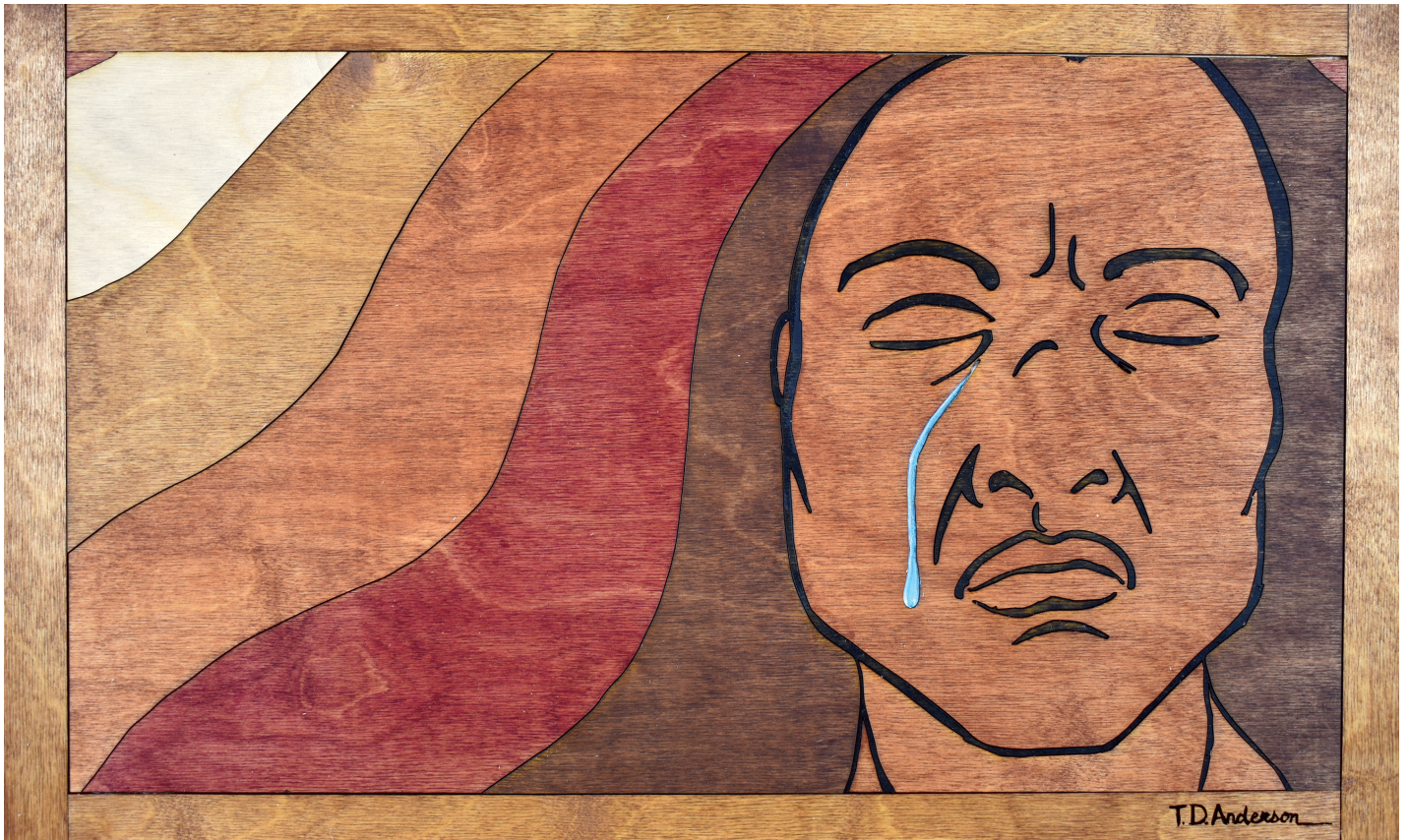


*Second Sunday in*  
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**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*March 16, 2025*

## Artist Reflection

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### *Enough*

Wood and acrylic inlay

By T. Denise Anderson

Inspired by Luke 13:31-35

Jesus' lament over Jerusalem's intransigence is powerful because you can hear a righteous indignation and a deep anguish. He foreshadows his own execution, but his pain is for the waywardness of his people. This is one of a handful of times scripture uses feminine, specifically maternal, imagery in connection to God: "*How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings...*" (Luke 13: 34b, NRSV) That, for me, is significant. As a mother, I know what it feels like to watch from a relative distance as a child makes heartbreaking decisions. I didn't want to illustrate the details of the scene with my piece; I wanted to depict the emotions in it, to somehow capture the heartache of a parent whose children have chosen a destructive path.

Engaging with this theme has drawn me to wood and water. Here, I've moved away from realism and my usual oil paints to a medium with a more graphic quality: wood inlay. I wanted a simple depiction of this very specific pain. I felt that an emotion so germane to the human experience had to be anthropomorphized, and because Jesus uses feminine imagery, I decided to depict a figure who could be perceived as feminine, but perhaps could also be perceived as masculine or nonbinary. The Parent's eyes are closed as if they cannot bear to watch what's happening. The hair radiates to the left, mimicking a mother hen's wingspan. The teardrop is a clear acrylic inlay with its underside painted blue, and the subtle way it refracts and reflects light is reminiscent of water. As I consider the destruction we continue to visit upon each other and all of creation, I imagine God is still grieved. What emotions arise within you when you consider the human condition?



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Announcements

The Penitential Order      *All stand.*      BCP p. 351

The Decalogue      *Kneel as you are able.*      BCP p. 350

Confession of Sin      BCP p. 360

Kyrie      *See pew card for music.*      BCP p. 356

S 96 Lord, have mercy upon us      *Schubert/Proulx*

*Please turn to the top of page 357 for the Collect of the Day.*

The Collect of the Day      BCP p. 357

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with

you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

The First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He

brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 27

*Remain seated. Prayed together.*

- 1 **The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.**
- 3 **Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
- 4 **And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 **One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life;**
- 6 **To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 **Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.**

- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

## Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

Hymnal 1982 – 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

*Dunedin*



## The Gospel

*All remain standing.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Nicene Creed *All stand.* BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form 1 BCP p. 383

Peace BCP p. 360

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. You may drink from the chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping, or by intinction: lightly dip the wafer into the wine. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat. If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.*

Offertory Sentence BCP p. 376

## Offertory Anthem

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls  
And plenteousness within thy palaces.

“O pray for the peace of Jerusalem”  
Words from Psalm 122:6-7 & music by Herbert Howells  
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## Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Please turn to BCP page 361 for Eucharist Prayer A, as led by the Celebrant. Service music can be found on the pew card.*

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 361

Sanctus

*See pew card for music.*

BCP p. 362

S 130 Holy, holy, holy

*Schubert/Proulx*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation     *See pew card for music.*     BCP p. 363

The Lord's Prayer     BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem     *See pew card for music.*     BCP p. 364

S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God     *Schubert*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**

**Give us your peace, give us our peace.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*A prayer for those worshiping virtually to be unified in Communion with Christ.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in

glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 – 654

Day by day

*Summer*

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymnal 1982 – 337

*Unde et memores*

Lay Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer (*as needed*)

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,  
\_\_\_\_\_ will take the Eucharist to \_\_\_\_\_ today.

**All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

## Solemn Prayer over the People

Book of Occasional Services p. 13

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 571

All who love and serve your city

*Charlestown*

### Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Voluntary

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## This Week's Announcements

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**Christian Formation classes for all ages are held at 10 AM.**

Nursery is available. EYC (6th-12th grades) meets 4:30-6:45 PM on Sundays. Drop-off is downstairs at the Community Entrance, pick-up upstairs at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Tiffany Fulton [tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org](mailto:tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org).

**Christian Formation @ 10 AM | Parish Hall**

*Living Well Through Lent:*

**CULTIVATING THE  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

*Guided small group discussions for Adults & Teens  
every Sunday in Lent! Let's learn & grow together!*

**TODAY is the last day to donate towards the Spring Book**

**Fair!** The Fred L. Wilson (FLW) mentor program through the Academic Learning Center is a ministry with All Saints'

volunteers. *If you would like to give a monetary donation to allow students who otherwise would not be able to purchase a book, you can donate by check or by Giving via Realm.* Questions? Talk with Karen Robinson.



**LENTEN 2025**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**MARCH 16 & 23**

BRING SHELF STABLE DONATIONS WITH YOU TO CHURCH! →



The poster features a central illustration of two hands holding a green can with a white heart. The background is a light tan color. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, with the dates in a red oval and the main title in large, bold letters. A QR code is positioned to the right of the main text, with an arrow pointing towards it.



**EYC** THIS SUNDAY!  
**4:30-6:45 PM**  
**COMMUNITY & EYC ROOMS**  
ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

The poster has a vibrant, abstract background with various colors and patterns. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. There are decorative elements like stars and a palm tree scattered around the text.








*Lenten*  
**Prayer  
Labyrinth**

**MARCH 7-17**

*You are invited to this ancient practice of quiet reflection & prayerful meditation. The labyrinth will be located in the Parish Hall through March 17.*



**ALL SAINTS'**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Stations of the Cross*

You are invited to walk the 14 Stations of the Cross posted outside around the grounds of All Saints' or in the church sanctuary during the Lenten season.

*A meditation & prayer guide is available on the church website.*



**Deadline for donations  
Monday, April 14**

# Easter Flowers

Help beautify All Saints' worship spaces as memorials, thanksgivings, or in celebration of people dear to you. Sign up online or scan QR code.



## A Note on Today's Readings

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**Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church.** Today the liturgy gives us the account of the covenant between God and the first person of faith: Abraham. There are two parts to this covenant: God's promise and Abraham's faith. Abraham's faith becomes the model for us who have been brought into covenant with God in baptism.

The Gospel reading today tells of Jesus being warned that he is in danger of being killed. He responds by again foretelling his own death and resurrection, the three days in which he will complete his work. Jesus then laments his rejection by the leaders in Jerusalem because he wishes fervently that no one be lost and that he may gather everyone to himself. The second reading today is concerned with contrasting those who do not live within the covenant and those who do. It reminds us that the self-denial and fasting of Lent are not ends in themselves and certainly are not meant to imply that pleasure is wrong. They lead us on toward the discovery that true joy and pleasure always come from God and always point us to the resurrection of our earthly life and desires, which is God's ultimate aim for us.

As we draw nearer to Easter and the renewal of our baptismal commitment, and as we pray for those who will be baptized then, the liturgy of Lent takes us ever deeper into the mystery of our redemption. Faith and repentance are our response to the redemption that began to be worked out in Abraham's day, was fulfilled in Jesus' dying and rising, and is renewed in us in baptism and Eucharist.

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