

Fifth Sunday in
LENT



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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Artist Reflection

Brazen Beauty

Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

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Inspired by John 12:1-8

In the chapter just before this, Lazarus dies and Jesus weeps. But after being laid in the tomb, Lazarus is raised and made well. This act solidifies for the chief priests and Pharisees that Jesus is a dangerous threat. In response, they order for his arrest and plot how they will kill him. Jesus retreats from public ministry, hiding out in the wilderness in Ephraim. As the passover nears, people begin to wonder: *“Will Jesus be here?”*

Despite the threats mounting, Jesus does return. On his way to Jerusalem, he stops in Bethany, seeking refuge and comfort in the home of his friends. Martha cooks a feast, and Lazarus – healthy and alive – joins him at the table. In resistance to death, as an act of extravagant love, Mary anoints Jesus with a fragrance that fills the whole room. Her actions could appear impulsive, but if you were saying your last goodbye to someone you loved, how would you act?

This image began as a painting on raw canvas. With fluid strokes of paint, I allowed the colors to run and bleed into each other. As I drew Mary kneeling, I omitted the other details in the scene, removing Jesus’ feet, the other guests, the table full of food. I wanted to focus on Mary’s brazen act of pouring out the expensive perfume, a commodity valued at a year’s worth of wages. The luxurious liquid is expansive, flowing out toward us as the viewer. It bleeds into the red, foreshadowing the blood Jesus will soon shed. The vessel she holds is lined with gold, a reference to the ancient Japanese practice of Kintsugi, of repairing broken pottery with gold lacquer. The art of Kintsugi embellishes the cracks and transforms a shattered vessel into a new object of beauty. In this embodied act of worship, Mary is practicing Kintsugi – boldly celebrating the beauty of life even as death approaches.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Announcements

The Penitential Order	<i>All stand.</i>	BCP p. 351
Confession of Sin		BCP p. 352
Kyrie	<i>See pew card for music.</i>	BCP p. 356
S 96 Lord, have mercy upon us		<i>Schubert/Proulx</i>

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

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 357

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 126

Remain seated. Prayed together.

- 1 **When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ***
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 **Then they said among the nations, ***
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, ***
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears ***
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, ***
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and

straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 679
Surely it is God who saves me *Thomas Merton*

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

All remain standing.

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred

denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

“Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks” words from Psalm 42 & music by
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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

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 Great Amen, S 147 *See pew card for music.*

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.

Invitation BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.**

Music at Communion

Be still my soul

Finlandia/arr. Jason W. Krug

Bells of All Saints'

“God will remain faithful/Be still my soul” by Jason W. Krug

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The Wondrous Cross

Rockingham/Hamburg

arr. Jason W. Krug

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When I survey the wondrous cross

The Hymnal 1982 – 474

Rockingham

Lay Eucharistic Minister 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

Please kneel as you are able.

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord

Celebrant: Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 701

Jesus, all my gladness

Jesu, meine Freude

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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Maundy Thursday

PARISH MEAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

STARTS @ 6:30 PM

Sign up online

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Maundy Thursday

PRAYER VIGIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

STARTING AT 9 PM

Sign up for a time slot on the church website

2025
Holy Week
Easter

All Saints' Episcopal Church

All are welcome!

April 13 - Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms begins at street sign
9 AM & 11:10 AM

April 14 - Monday in Holy Week

Celtic Service – 7 PM in the Nave

April 15 - Tuesday in Holy Week

Celtic Service – 7 PM in the Nave
Compline – 8 PM Online

April 16 - Wednesday in Holy Week

Noonday Prayer – Noon Online
Celtic Service – 7 PM in the Nave

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Parish Meal with Eucharist – Starts at 6:30 PM, followed by Stripping of the Altar
Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil – Begins at 9 PM in the Nave. *Sign up online.*

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April 18 - Good Friday

Experience the Stations of the Cross:
A Living Tableaux – 11 AM
Led by EYC for the entire parish
Solemn Liturgy – Noon in the Nave
Community Stations of the Cross – 3:30 PM
Prayer walk begins at Grace Lutheran Church
Meditations on the Crucifixion – 7 PM
Led by members of EJM at All Saints'

April 19 - Holy Saturday

Family Easter Vigil – 7 PM, Parish Hall
Easter Vigil, followed by Revels
Begins at 8:30 PM in the Columbarium

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels
9 AM, Parish Hall
Resurrection, St. Nicholas & Junior Choirs
Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels
11:10 AM, Nave
Choral Eucharist with Brass Duo

April 27 - Easter II

9 AM, Parish Hall & 11:10 AM, Nave
Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Breakfast
10 AM, Church Grounds



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