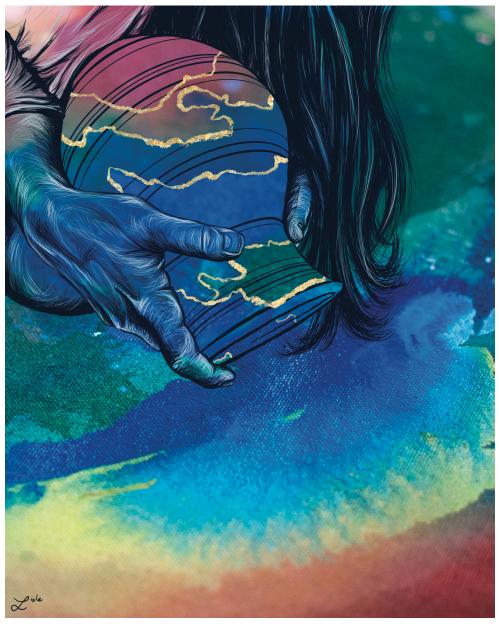
Monday in HOLY WEEK



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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 14, 2025

Artist Reflection

Brazen Beauty

Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing By Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity 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.

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Opening Liturgy

The ministers enter in silence.

Celebrant:	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People:	God's mercy endures for ever.
Celebrant:	Christ who died for our sins, forgive those who are
	penitent.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ, who shared our griefs, comfort the
	sorrowing.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ, who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to
	those who are hungry.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ forsaken by all, be with those who are lonely
	and sad.
People:	Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ, mocked and scorned, support those who
	are outcast and rejected.
People:	Christ, have mercy.
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Celebrant:	Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to
	those who are weak.
People:	Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ crucified, done to death and buried, give us
	hope.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant:	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People:	God's mercy endures for ever.

Confession

All: We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.

Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave. As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting, strong Son of God most high. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. AMEN.

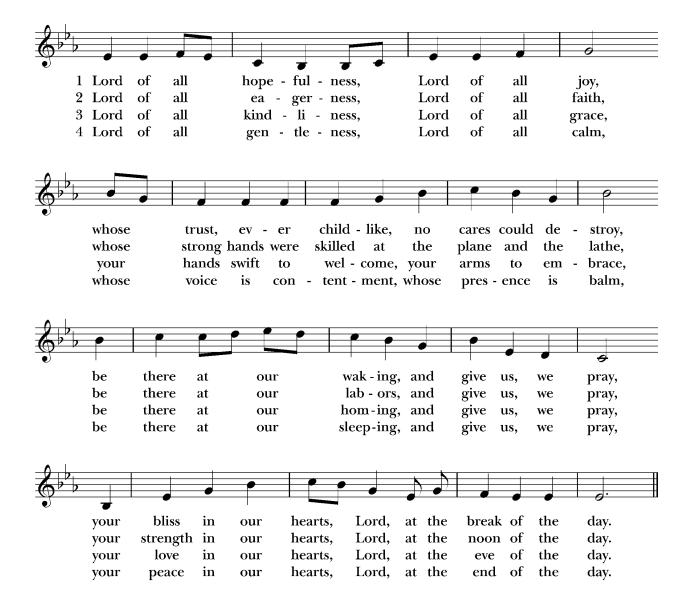
The Absolution

Celebrant: Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Send your saving power upon all who turn to you and seek new life in your name. Amen.

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Song

Lord of all hopefulness



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:	The Lord by with you,
People:	And also with you
Celebrant:	Let us pray

God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalm: Psalm 36:5-11

Prayed meditatively together.

Your love supports all of creation; your love is everlasting. How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

We, your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance of the Earth.

You invite us to drink from living streams.

For in You is the very source of life; and in your Light do we see light.

May your steadfast love endure to those who know You, Your saving grace to those who love truth and justice!

- Protect us from the seeds of arrogance; the weeds of greed drive away.
- Open the hearts of those who live in darkness, O Beloved, that they might rise up and live in your Light.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-11

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

All: 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." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

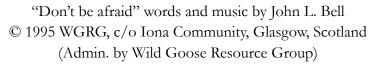
The Rev. Jackie Whitfield

Song

Don't be afraid

John L. Bell





A period of silence is kept.

Intercessions

Intercessor:	Please join me in offering your prayers of
	thanksgiving and intercession.
	Blessed are you, O God, for you have filled the
	temple of creation with the glory of life that glows.
People:	We give thanks to you.
Intercessor:	We bless you for the light of the sun and the moon
	and the stars, for the brightness of mountain snow
	and the glistening of waters.
People:	We give thanks to you.
Intercessor:	We give thanks for the goodness that grows from
	the ground, and from which health and wholeness
	come.
People:	We give thanks to you.
Intercessor	In remembering with thanks the times and places
Intercessor:	In remembering with thanks the times and places
	of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also
	in prayer with those who are denied these things,
	and ask that they not be forsaken in their time of
	trouble.
People	Do not forsake us O Lord

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

Intercessor:	Let the cry of those who are poor be heard, O
	God, in heaven and on earth; let those who are
	hungry be fed, and those who are oppressed be set
	free.

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

- Intercessor: Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing in body and soul.
 A silence during which worshipers may add their own prayers silently or aloud.
 O God of all peace,
- People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**
- Intercessor: Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones find peace at home.
- People: Do not forsake us, O Lord, but grant us your peace.
- Celebrant: Holy and immortal God, from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship.Teach us to follow the One whose light scatters the darkness of our world so that we may then walk as children of the light. Amen.

Anointing One Another

In the scriptures Jesus read, anointing signified a transmission of power and blessing. In the early Christian community, it came to be a sign of love, of identity as a Christian and of the reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (from Church's understanding of Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, which means "the anointed one"). Please anoint the back of the hands of the person sitting next to you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are also invited to offer a short blessing.

After all have been anointed, the Celebrant concludes

God of all peace, whose Spirit fills our hearts, be with us as we seek to share your peace, that those whom we encounter on this earthly journey may see in our lives a reflection of your love; in the name of Christ. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.People: And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant:	All things are yours, O God of all creation,
People:	And so we return our gifts to you.
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.

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Celebrant:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People:It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son's enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his lifegiving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary the Mother of God, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

- All:Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your
Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of
trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and for
ever. Amen.
- Celebrant: He who has suffered for our injustices is now present in this bread. He whose body was hung on a cross is now offered to us in this cup.

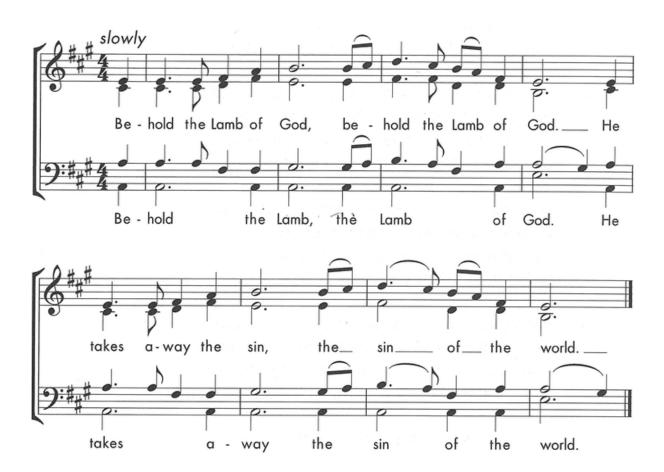
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Celebrant:	The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
People:	Lord, unite us in this sign.
Celebrant:	Come, you holy ones, receive the body and blood
	of Christ by which you were redeemed.

Song

Behold the Lamb of God

John L. Bell



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Post Communion Prayer

All: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of heaven. Amen.

Solemn Prayer

Deacon or Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant:	Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold
	this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
	was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands
	of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross;
	who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
People:	Amen.

The people depart in silence.

This Eucharist is developed from "Wednesday Celtic Euchrist in Lent," St. Peter's, Rome, GA, "Celtic Eucharist," St. Annes' Winston-Salem, NC, <u>Psalms for Praying</u>, Nan Merrill, <u>The Book</u> <u>of Common Prayer 1979</u> and the music of the Taize Community.



All Saints' Episcopal Church

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.

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



April 19 – Holy Saturday
Family Easter Vigil – 7 PM, Parish Hall
Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM, beginning in the
Columbarium, followed by Revels

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

All are welcome!

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