

Wednesday in
HOLY WEEK



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Artist Reflection

Four Waters At Table

Paper lace

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This summer my family traveled back to Okinawa and mainland Japan, the places we lived during my infant and toddler years. Those years molded the family lore and marked a pivotal shift in my parents' lives. They traveled with us this summer, returning after 40 years. As you might imagine, I was amazed by everything. I was particularly taken by the great deference that the human-made physical structures held for creation. The waters have power and everything reflects that awareness. Vegetation is grown and walls are built between the houses and the water. We stayed by the water for 4 days while local children were still in school. Even on the weekend, though, we were some of the only ones swimming in the East China Sea by our AirBnB.

This artwork reflects that deference – the humility in the face of the power of the waters – through an adaptation of the Okinawa wave pattern that is found on pottery throughout the island. Here, each wave represents a disciple around a circular table. Judas's wave flows the opposite direction from all of the others, creating discord in the pattern and in the narrative. He seeks a worldly type of power. Within the table, four rivers flow out from Jesus, who is represented as a 13th wave flowing in the midst. These rivers represent the four rivers of Eden, the four spirits in Revelation, and the multitude of followers across time and place. Patterns tell the story of this last table: money seeding discord, wine and bread becoming symbols of the faith, bread breaking, hands reaching toward one another in right relationship. The Jesus symbol of water in the midst flows through each of these sections and breaks the borders of the artwork. How might I walk forward from this table with Jesus? Tacking toward humble strength in the face of oppressive power? Nurturing community? Breaking the barriers of oppressive influences?



Please pick up a rock as you enter.

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.**

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.**

Celebrant: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.**

We cannot carry the weight of sin and expect to be present to God, ourselves or others in any significant way. At his crucifixion, Jesus broke the powers of sin and death. You are invited to lay your burden, symbolized by the rock that you picked up, before the cross of Christ.

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.

Song

Be thou my vision

Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be 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 70

Prayed meditatively together.

You take delight, O Radiant One, in gracing me with new life!

O Beloved, come and renew me!

**Let me face my weaknesses and all that confuses me,
that keeps me from joy!**

I seek forgiveness for my wrongdoings, I desire only You!

**Let me begin anew, as a child at its mother's breast, who
basks in love.**

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad!

May all who surrender to You say evermore,

“My joy is in the Beloved!”

Yet I am lowly and fear-filled; hasten to me, Beloved!

You are my strength and my joy; O Beloved, come and renew me!

Gospel Reading: John 13:21-32

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

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

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples – the one whom Jesus loved – was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Nancy L.J. Cox

Song

Don't be afraid

John L. Bell

C G Dm C
Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong - er,

³ F Dm Gsus G
my love is strong - er than your fear.

⁵ C G Dm C
Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong - er, and

⁷ Am F Dm Gsus G C
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

“Don't be afraid” words and music by John L. Bell
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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 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.**

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.**

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.**

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 life-giving 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.

Fraction

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

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

The first system of musical notation is for the first two lines of lyrics. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'slowly' is written above the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He' on the top line and 'Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He' on the bottom line.

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —

takes a - way the sin of the world.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The lyrics are: 'takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —' on the top line and 'takes a - way the sin of the world.' on the bottom line.

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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 Eucharist in Lent," St. Peter's, Rome, GA,
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2025
Holy Week
Easter

All Saints' Episcopal Church



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

Led by members of EfM at All Saints'

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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