

## St Andrew Worship April 3, 2022 Lent 5

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**Meeting Time**  
Sunday at 10:30 Worship  
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### Welcome and Announcements

#### Threshold Moment- Good Enough

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?  
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?  
Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,  
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.

### Opening Prayer (Psalm 126)

*Holy One, Lover of Souls, we call out to you.  
You know our tears and sorrows,  
and you bear the seeds of grief with us.  
Open us this day to your comfort  
that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy—  
the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.*

### Hymn The Lord Went to a Dinner (Tune Angel's Story)

The Lord went to a dinner, and Mary took perfume.  
As she anointed Jesus, the fragrance filled the room.  
She'd sat as a disciple, she'd been a faithful friend,  
and now, with costly fragrance, she honored Christ again.

Soon Judas was complaining, "This gift could have been sold;  
We could have helped the poor here — the young ones and the old.  
Yet Jesus said, "My people will always help the poor,  
but Mary chose to give this — to me, her dying Lord."

Her gift was her expression of thankfulness and praise,  
and so it makes us wonder, in these long Lenten days:  
What would we give to Jesus if he sat at our meal?  
What gift would be our kindness and what would it reveal?

O Lord, today we offer the best that we can bring —  
our worship as a fragrance, our love, an offering.  
And now, as we're reminded the poor are with us still,  
we pray that we may serve them — to honor you, as well.

### Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

... And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now. *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.*

### The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with You *and also with You.*

### Anthem Video

#### Prayer of Illumination

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits bathed in your word.  
*Amen.*

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> 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.  
<sup>20</sup> 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,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

#### Second Lesson: John 12: 1-8

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."

A Word of God that is still speaking,  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Reflection:**

**“We Are Fragile”**

**Rev. Anne McAnelly**

**Prayers of the People and Prayer Song – *That’s Enough for Me***

Though all along our daily pilgrim race  
our treasures small and very few may be,  
our souls are blest with God’s unending grace,  
and that is enough, enough for me.  
Oh, that’s enough for me,  
God’s truth has set me free;  
the love of Christ has sanctified my soul,  
and that is enough for me.

When food and raiment are not ever sure,  
and simple fare is hard to get for some,  
we work to share our goods with one and all,  
and that is enough, enough for me.  
Oh, that’s enough for me,  
God’s truth has set me free;  
a love like Christ’s is meant for ev’ry soul,  
and that is enough for me.

**Offering**

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,  
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,  
Praise Three-in-One, from here below.*

Offering Prayer

Generous God,  
in light of your extravagant blessings—  
no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—  
we offer our gifts and ourselves,  
and know that you transform what we plant  
into the produce of love. *Amen.*

**Communion**

Christ looks upon each one with love and says,  
*“you are welcome at my table.”*  
Christ looks upon each one with compassion and says,  
*“whatever troubles you, bring it here.”*  
Christ looks upon each one with grace and says,  
*“whatever you’d like to leave behind, do it here.”*

Liturgy

**Choral Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"**

*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Holy Living God be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right for us to give thanks and praise...*

Liturgy

**Choral Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"**

*Holy, holy, God of Hosts!  
Heav'n and earth sing out your  
name!  
Blest are they who come today;  
and take their place.*

Liturgy

**Choral Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"**

*Christ has died, yet Christ is ris'n;  
Christ will come once again!  
We remember and proclaim  
redeeming love.*

**\*Hymn 819 Be Still My Soul**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, Who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Good Enough Benediction:** "God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough."

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