



# **A Lenten Mosaic - Living In Grace Lent 2020**

**Devotion for  
Tuesday of Holy Week,  
April 7, 2020**

“Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week are traditionally the days for spring housecleaning. We put up freshly washed curtains, polish some silver in anticipation of the Easter festivities, wax the woodwork or turn the mattress: anything that shares in and points up our spiritual new life. We own little silver or copper, but in our house it has become something of a treat to haul out the silver teaspoons and the copper kettle that need a shine and put them into use again for the feast of Easter. Polishing away the tarnish is graphic and rewarding.”

*Gertrud Mueller Nelson*

## ***Bow Down Low***

*A Shaker Hymn*

Bow down low and bend your head  
Bow down low and bend your head  
For I've come to sweep this house  
For to sweep the Lord's house clean

Yes I've come, I've come to wash and clean  
From this floor the stains of sin  
For low I've come again  
And I've not come in vain

Sweep high  
Sweep low  
Sweep clean  
As you go  
Bow down low and bend your head  
For to sweep the Lord's house clean

\*You can find a recording of the hymn at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYi7Rm\\_AqOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYi7Rm_AqOM)

You may need to copy and paste the link into your web browser.

### **John 12:1-11**

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.

### **Prayer**

Lord, we thank you today for new life, for spring, for redemption, for passing over. May you whisper to our hearts the promise of what is to come. We offer up all our efforts, and we receive in exchange your joy and grace to enjoy the journey and to see the beauty that is emerging. Amen.