

# Shelter Island Presbyterian Church



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an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet  
and wiped his feet with her hair.  
And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

John 12:3

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### We Gather in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call To Worship

Thus says the lord who makes a way in the sea.

**Do not consider 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?

**God is making a way in the wilderness, a river in the desert.**

**Let the people of the Lord sing God's praise.**

\*Hymn

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, your giving is without end: but we struggle to receive all that you offer. We misuse your gifts, ignore your intents, and refuse your abundance. We hoard what you would have us share and we throw away what you would have us keep. Forgive us and help us discern your priorities. Govern our hearts with your spirit, so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us greet each other saying; ‘May the peace of Christ be with you.’

**Anthem**

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Responsive Reading**                      Isaiah 43:16-21

**Gospel Reading**                              John 12:1-11

**Sermon**    A Final Gesture                              Rev. Robert Griffin

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*Hymn**    Fairest Lord Jesus                              No. 630

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**                              “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow”                              No. 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**We Go Forth to Serve in God's Name**

**\*Hymn**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand if able.

**Responsive Reading**  
New International Version

This is what the Lord says – he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,

**who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements  
together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished,  
snuffed out like a wick:**

‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

**See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive  
it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the  
wasteland.**

The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide  
water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,

**to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for  
myself that they may proclaim my praise.**

## **Gospel Reading**

New International Version

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor.

Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## **Affirmation of Faith**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



