

## *calling for you*

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Gospel reading: John 11: 1-45



### Poetry

#### *shouting at stones*

weeping one, incarnate Son  
you come, into the long lament  
life; bound and broken  
you, who is the love  
that will be sent  
to meet death  
with anointed feet

weeping one, incarnate Son  
you shout a grief-gravelled 'come out'  
thrown at death's stone  
that locks us in dark's tomb  
and keeps us from love's womb  
and makes us die alone

weeping one, incarnate Son  
come and shout  
at all the stones that seal us tight  
and as they roll away  
enter our darkness  
with the undying light  
of your eternal day

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### Questions to ponder/discuss:

What does the image evoke within you? What words, phrases or questions arise for you in the poetry? Imagine you are Martha, or Mary, or one of the friends. What questions would you have for Jesus? Imagine you are Lazarus. What now for him? Has there been a time in your life where you mark the 'before' and the 'after'? Can you share something about that time?

### Prayer

God of all consolation and compassion,  
your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary;  
your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection  
and faith in the One  
who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Amen.

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