



Wednesday, April 5

Breathe: Calm your head, heart, and hands as you slowly breathe in... and out.

As you read the passage today, reflect on the disciples. What are they thinking? What questions do they have about the events?

John 19:16b-24 NRSV

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew^[d] is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth,^[e] the King of the Jews.' ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew,^[f] in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' ²² Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

‘They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.’

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Prayer: Lord, Thank you for your work on the cross. We are humbled by your willingness to die for us. May we be changed by your sacrifice. Amen.