“When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.” Mat. 26:12

CALL TO WORSHIP: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Let us gather in worship.

INVOCATION: You are the Sovereign One, O God, and rightly to be blessed. Your name shall ever be upon our lips. You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble. You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect your radiance. Aglow with the splendor of your promised redemption, we gather to worship you, ruler of nations, even as we remember the prayer our Lord taught us when he said, “Our Father.…”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 124

1 If the L ORD had not been on our side— let Israel say—
2 if the L ORD had not been on our side  when people attacked us,
3 they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;
4 the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,
5 the raging waters would have swept us away.
6 Praise be to the L ORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
7 We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the L ORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 26:6-13

6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. 8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. 9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.” 10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. 12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

MESSAGE: Should Jesus Smell Good?

CLOSING PRAYER: Now, Master, you are letting your servants go in peace as you promised; for our eyes have seen the salvation that you have made ready in the sight of the nations; a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.