



DAY 33

Ode to Purple

That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe you that you have sent me. John 17:21

When I think of Lent, I think purple.

Crocuses, morning light, the shadow of a deer disappearing into the brush.

Passion plus wisdom. The color of kings, sacred divinity, wealth and wine and holy sacrifice.

Mockingly draped over Jesus by the Romans during his crucifixion, purple is paradoxical, representing Christ's suffering and ultimately, His glory.

Purple is the color of transformation and repentance, newness and deep contemplation. It's a symbol of the unknown while being a reminder that God is always with us because he is in us.

It is what's contained in the darkness of the sealed tomb before Jesus' body was ever laid there.

Lent is a time for grappling with the mystery of the intersection of flesh and spirit.

Holy Father, let us wander with open hearts through this season, gathering nearer to each other and ourselves in faith and love. Amen.

— Karly Lind