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John 19: 1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

REFLECT

“I’m floored by the boldness of violence in this passage. To strike someone across the face requires looking someone in the eyes and marring the most recognizable and identifiable part of the body. It requires facing the recipient of your rage and witnessing the consequences and destruction of your actions first-hand. It is a brazen and intimate act of violence.

Continuing to misunderstand and mock Jesus’ power, the soldiers craft him a crown made out of pain - a crown made out of that which protects the beauty of the bloom. In this case, however, the thorns cannot protect the beauty they surround.”

-Artist Lauren Wright Pittman

PRAY

May I recognize the
ways I am
complicit in the
violence of this world
and
take a stand against it.
Amen.

