

Casting the Stone

Jacqui Beck - for Judy, 2014

She kneels in the mud
at the Vatican,
asks to be blessed
by a human being
who wears heavy robes.

By his peers, voted to be the pinnacle
of the Catholic church, bears the responsibility
of delivering
a blessing
(or not)

Who deserves
his blessing?

Who is he to judge?

If the pope were a transgender woman,
who would judge her?

Would Jesus suggest
any of us cast
the first stone,
leave her kneeling in the mud?