



Jesus Drives Money Changers From the Temple

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

PRELUDE . . . *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens
may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed,
what new life and promise await us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are invited into the story,

All: Into this place, Into this hour of worship.

L: We are invited into reflection,

All: Into community, Into our own spiritual journeys.

L: We are invited; the broken and bruised,

All: The hopeful, the new; The faithful, the doubting;

L: We are invited; The wondering, the waiting.

All: We are invited because God so loved;

L: So listen, trust the invitation, and bring your whole self.

All: All are invited here.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: When we set up barriers that prevent others from knowing the truth of your love,

All: forgive us and break down those walls.

P: When we set up barriers in our own minds and lives that keep us from knowing the truth of your love,

All: break down our walls with your grace.

P: When we are confused by the world's wisdom, break through our muddled minds

All: and shine the clarity of your teachings.

P: Draw us ever closer to you, to one another,

All: and to the beauty of your wisdom and your love. Amen

Silence for Reflection

P: Christ reduces the barriers we set up to dust and ashes that blow away to nothing in the power of his mercy and his grace.

All: We are no longer divided or separated, but are united in the wisdom and the love of God.

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

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A LENTEN LITANY

L: O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other

All: to love and work, to support and heal.

L: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people;

All: to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

L: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation;

All: to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

L: Let us worship our God

All: who makes us one.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace,

All: and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: God's wisdom is faithful; God's message is true.

All: Let us listen for the message of wisdom and truth this day.

Reader: Today's reading is from the Gospel of John, chapter two, beginning with the thirteenth verse.

GOSPEL . . . *John 2:13-22*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their

tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: May the meditations of our hearts reflect on the words we have heard and the message we have received.

All: May our lives be guided by God’s wisdom and truth.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Carmen Blair*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us.

All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God’s work in this congregation and the world.

THANKFUL OFFERING



OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need.

All: Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your Mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: As you leave this space, may your mouth speak of God's goodness.

All: May our arms hold those in need.

P: May your feet walk toward justice.

All: May our heart trust its worth.

P: May your soul dance in God's grace.

All: And may this be our rhythm-Again and again and again,

P: Until God's promised day. In the name of Love itself,

All: We go with courage, we go with heart, we go in peace. Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve God.

POSTLUDE . . . "Canticle of the Turning"

SINGING BOWL

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