

Daily Worship for Holy Week and Easter

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Monday: Jesus Clears the Temple

God Calls us to Worship

Opening Words

As you light a candle:

Why do we light this candle?

To remember that Jesus is with us.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Have mercy on us and grant us your peace

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Praise and glory to you, O God.

-John 1:29

Gathering Song

You are encouraged to sing or listen to one or more of the following songs:

- *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* [lyric video](#) | [sheet music](#)
- *Jesus Loves Me* -LUYH 709 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Be Still and Know that I am God* LUYH 907 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Use the following prayer or your own, giving voice to the realities of the day within the greater context of the promise of the resurrection, and ask for the Holy Spirit to work through this time of worship.

God of all hope,
we gather today deeply aware
of the world's grief and pain --and our own.
Send your Holy Spirit here among us and
comfort us with the sure knowledge
that our Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.
Amen.

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God Speaks to Us and We Respond

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:15-19; Mark 12: 13-17

Reflecting on God's Word

- Questions to think about:

Jesus talks about money a lot.

1. What do we learn from Jesus in these 2 stories?
2. How can we use money wisely?
3. How can we give to God?

Jesus is going against the people in charge, and against practices that had been accepted by everyone.

4. Is it ever ok to go against what is “normal” or what we are told by those in authority?
- Find a way to give creatively today. Pray that God opens your hearts to see and fill a need and then give thanks for the opportunity to participate in God's Kingdom work.

Sung or Spoken Response

Use the words of one of the following songs (spoken or sung) as an offering prayer.

- *Take My Life and Let it Be* -LUYH 863 | [Traditional/Chris Tomlin](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Take O Take Me as I Am* -LUYH 741 | [YouTube](#)
- *Lord's Prayer* spoken or sing LUYH #912 | [YouTube](#)
- *My Life is An Offering* [performance video](#) | [sheet music](#)
- An option especially for those with young children:

God is So Good -LUYH 777 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

There is a Redeemer -LUYH 833 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)

Prayer

Offer your own prayer or use one of the following to express your gratitude to God.

1. *Breathe Restlessness into Me* a poem by Ted Loder
<https://www.stillharbor.org/daily-news-blog/2015/1/7/breathe-restlessness-into-me>
2. God you are the giver of all good things.
Thank you for your gifts.
Today we are especially grateful for...

(allow those present to express their own gratitude or continue reading)
our homes,
our family and friends,
food to eat and clothes to wear.

Help us to be grateful for what we have
and willing to share with those in need.
Give us eyes to see, ears to hear
and hands that are willing to serve. **Amen.**

-Rev. Joyce Borger

God Sends Us

While many of us will not be leaving our homes during this week we are still called to be Christ's presence in our households, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing our worship of God in all we do and say.

Closing Verse

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory
and praise!

-Rev. 5:12

Blessing

Speak this blessing to those gathered with you. As you are comfortable use motions to point before, behind, beneath, above, and beside as this will help you memorize this blessing over the week and truly speak it over each other.

May God go
before you to guide you
behind you to protect you
beneath you to support you
above you to watch over you
beside you to be your friend.

Do not be afraid.

Go in peace.