

Monday: Jesus Clears the Temple

God Calls You to Worship

Opening Words

As you light a candle:

I light this candle to remember that Jesus is with me.

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

As a prayer: Have mercy on me and grant me your peace.

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

As a prayer: Praise and glory to you, O God.

-John 1:29

Gathering Song

Choose a favorite song that draws you into worship.

- *Holy, Holy, Holy* LUYH 538 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* LUYH 526 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)
- *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,
I worship you today deeply aware
of the world's grief and pain --and my own.
Send your Holy Spirit here and
comfort me with the sure knowledge
that my Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.
Amen.

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God Speaks and You 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 I learn from Jesus in these 2 stories?
2. How can I use money wisely?
3. How can I 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 I am told by those in authority?

- Find a way to give creatively today. Pray that God opens your heart 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](#)

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 I am especially grateful for...

(imagine and list your own reasons for gratitude including)

my home,

my family and friends,

food to eat and clothes to wear.

Help me to be grateful for what I have
and willing to share with those in need.

Give me eyes to see, ears to hear

and hands that are willing to serve. **Amen.**

-Rev. Joyce Berger

God Sends

While you may not be leaving your home during this week, you are still called to be Christ's presence in your relationships, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing your worship of God in all you do and say. Read this verse of praise aloud.

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

Hear these words of blessing spoken to you from God. 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.

**I, your God will 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 forth in peace.**