



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus Cleanses The Temple

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made — **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
This is the day we see God face to face, not bound in a building or a tradition--
but in the flesh.
This is the day we have been waiting for —

when the kingdom comes, and God's will is done.

This is the day we hear of Christ's zeal, flipping tables, promising to rebuild our faith anew.
Let us hear songs of joy and praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Famous One" By Chris Tomlin

You are the Lord. The famous One, famous One.
Great is Your Name in all the earth. The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious
Great is Your fame beyond the earth.

And for all You've done and yet to do. With every breath I'm praising You
Desire of nations and every heart. You alone are God, You alone are God

The morning star is shining through. And every eye is watching You
Revealed by nature and miracles. You are beautiful, You are beautiful

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess together, saying, "Merciful God, **forgive us.**"

Lord of heaven and earth, what do you see when you come among us today? We confess that we rarely look at our worship through your eyes. Show us the truth, and reveal to us your vision — for we confess there is more of a gap than we want to admit. "Merciful God, **forgive us.**"

Forgive us when we have treated our relationship with you as a transaction, when we show up to say the words and make our offering and expect you to bless us in return, to come when we call and ignore what we don't want you to look. "Merciful God, **forgive us.**"

Forgive us when we have created barriers to seeking you, implying others must be, or look, or speak, a certain way to belong. Forgive us when we believe that the way we've always done it is the way it must be done, as if what we know now is all there is to understand. "Merciful God, **forgive us.**"

With fear we pray you would come among us again this day, turn over the tables and drive out our pride, that we may see as you see, and then pursue your vision. Hear us in our silent prayers.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Mighty To Save,” vs. 1 and Chorus
Everyone needs compassion. Love that’s never failing.
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save. Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be comforted and hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he has made atonement for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Friends, believe this Good News, In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

READING

John 2:13-25

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² 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.

²³ When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

SERMON

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ANTHEM

THE APOSTLES CREED

Video

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus said, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never thirst. Let us pray to the triune God who is the source of all life, saying “God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**”

You are the bread of life and to you we give thanks; you created all things good and nourish us with tender and abundant gifts. We hear your words, O Bread of Life, and yet we are hungry. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are hungry for peace: for an end to violence in our homes and neighborhoods and world. For people who hear gunshots at night, or raised voices in the hall; for those who cannot protect themselves, and those who hurt the very ones they should hold; we are hungry for peace. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are hungry for justice: for an end to oppression in our nation, institutions, and world. For people who suffer because of racism, sexism, poverty; and the fear of others; for those who believed lies, or cannot discern complicated truths, we are hungry for justice, we are hungry for justice. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We hear your words O Cup of Blessing, and yet we are thirsty. We are thirsty for righteousness. We are thirsty for truth. We are thirsty for your Spirit to quench our parched souls. We are thirsty for righteousness'. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our community who are in constant pain. We pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed. We pray for those who are worn clean out, or anxious, or angry. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Oh Lord, you are the balm of Gilead, the healer of every heart. You nourish and sustain our souls with your bread, your cup, your water. We give thanks for all you have

given us, especially as you have made us bold to pray as Jesus taught us, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God while at home and seemingly separated, and yet we are united in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us, that nothing need stop us in our freedom from worshipping you and declaring our faith. Today we can give by mailing an offering to the church address or by giving online through our webpage. Your gifts maintain our ministries, many of which continue whether we worship in this space or elsewhere. And during this time of anxiety and illness, if you find yourself in need—physical, mental, spiritual or financial—please tell our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or our Pastor Marie.

*DOXOLOGY "Doxology" #607
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever more, praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please "pass the peace" in a phone call, letter, or text, saying to someone else,
"May the Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

*HYMN OF SENDING "A Might Fortress Is Our God" Video

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

*POSTLUDE