



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John John 2:12-22

Sunday, February 9, 2014

* Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (Book of Alternative Services: 80)

* www.anglican.ca/resources/liturgicaltextsonline/

* **The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 2:12-22 (NIV)

- * ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.
- * ¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
- * ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”
- * ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”
- * ²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

*Today is a day to simply introduce yourself to the text for the week. Read it over slowly several times in a leisurely way and reverential manner. This is a day of rest, so don't work at this reading. Just drink it in and let the powerful word of God begin its work in you this week. Let us join the Son Jesus, as he makes his Passover trip to the temple in Jerusalem.



*Meditation

*For audio version of passage (John 2), visit
<http://www.biblegateway.com/audio/mclean/niv/John.2.12-John.2.22>*

* Jesus is the true Light that gives light to everyone. Let us receive and welcome Jesus, the Light of life, and invite him to shine his light into our world's darkness this week. Let us delight that in him is Life. Let us approach, let us receive, let us embrace the light of Christ this week with expectancy.

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* Meditation

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May the blessing of remembering and ruminating on the words of Jesus invade your being today and this week in a powerful way.

* **Blessing**