



* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 2:20-22

Thursday, February 13, 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 2:20-22 (NIV)

*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.

***Scripture**

* This is a time when you will want to contemplate the beauty of God, or to rest in His protection and love for you. Some of this may not come out in words as much as in a posture of adoration and rest.

- Let us remember that it was Christ's body that was destroyed on our behalf. His zeal for his Father's house leads him to the cross for each one of us.
- And in this passage we have the wonderful promise that even in the face of death and destruction, Jesus will have new life, resurrection life!

* **Meditation**

“Now Christ is especially jealous for the house of God in each of us, not wishing it to be a house of merchandise or that the house of prayer become a den of thieves, since he is the son of a jealous God... [These words] set forth the fact that God wishes nothing alien to his will to be mingled with the soul of anyone, but especially with the soul of those who wish to receive [the teachings of the] most divine faith.”

*Origen, Commentary on the Gospel of John 10.211;
Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture series, IVa 102*

 **Meditation**

- * Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
- * Jesus, our Lord, arise,
Scatter our enemies, and make them fall;
Let Thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,
Souls on Thee be stayed; Lord, hear our call.
- * Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
- * Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r!
- * To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence, evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

* Song



- * Enjoy today the grace and truth of the Saviour's death and resurrection for you.
- * Take time to remember and be thankful.
- * Sing, dance or draw a prayer of praise to God

* Prayer



* Pray for those who have not yet made up their minds about Jesus - especially the people that you know.

* Prayer

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and
give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

 **Blessing**