

Space for God Temple Transformation

PREPARATION

-In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit-

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

We do not belong to ourselves, for God bought us with a high price. So we must honor God with our bodies. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (adapted)

But the Lord is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him. Habakkuk 2:20

CONFESSION

For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. Hebrews 12:6, 11

ADORATION & GRATITUDE

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, **and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.** Psalm 23:6

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 2:13-22

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money.

Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."

"All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

raise it up."

"What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

ANCHORING PRAYER

Cleanse and restore me LORD.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

How would I describe my passion for God's house?

What dishonourable things have I allowed into my life?

WISDOM

He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" Matthew 21:13

And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the Lord, who makes Israel holy." Ezekiel 37:28

We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Ephesians 2:21

As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God. Ecclesiastes 5:1

TESTIMONY

What is God saying to me/us?

INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, others, and me.

BENEDICTION

**The one thing I ask of the Lord
—the thing I seek most—
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
delighting in the Lord's perfections
and meditating in his Temple.
-Amen-**

Psalm 27:4

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.