

Entering the Passion of Jesus – Lent Two
Time for Self-Reflection
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Then they came to Jerusalem. And [Jesus] entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers... He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers.' — Mark 11:15-17

Take some time to look at this artwork and place yourself “in the picture” by choosing any character in the painting. Contemplate the following questions:



What is your chosen character noticing in this moment? What do they hear? What do they see? What do they smell?

What can you imagine they are thinking? How might they be feeling?

Why are they there? What can you imagine about what they were doing just before this moment, or what they might have done afterwards in response to being involved in this moment?

What would you have thought, felt, and done if you could paint yourself into the scene?

Spend some time praying this prayer from our worship:

The temple of the world can be a busy, noisy place, God.

Too often the rule is, “everyone out for themselves.”

Too often I don’t stop to think about how

My actions affect others.

Forgive me.

Turn me toward the temple of my heart, where you await.

You enter the story of my life over and over.

May I have the courage to enter fully into the story
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

And remember this assurance from our worship:

Know this: you can open your eyes and see with your heart,

At any moment, no matter how hesitant you have been.

You are forgiven and freed,

encouraged and loved

by the Creator who wants you to live fully.

Amen.

My thoughts and prayers: