

Tuesday April 21, 2020

Opening

Selected verses from Psalm 72

Leader: All kings will bow down to him.

Family: All nations will serve him.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

Who alone does marvelous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious name forever.

May the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

Bible Reading - John 2:12-17

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.”

Questions for Discussion

Take whatever time is necessary or possible to discuss these questions. Discussion does not have to be lengthy.

For the kids: *Why did Jesus get angry when he saw people exchanging money in the temple court?*

For the grownups: *What can we learn from Jesus's reaction to what he saw in the temple court? How can we apply this to our lives as Christians?*

Prayer

Luther’s Morning Prayer:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I

commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

or

Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The head of the household may lead other prayers and petitions. The members of the family may also take turns with their own prayers and petitions. The head of the household closes the prayer in Jesus' name.

Blessing

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Hymn

Read or sing the hymn verse as a family.

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them all where'er they go;
Thus ever more to you shall be
Glad praise from air and land and sea.
(CW 517 v4)**

*A recording of this hymn can be found on [YouTube](#).**

**Note: The words in the video differ slightly from the words in the hymnal.*

Catechism Study

Optional: Briefly discuss and apply this portion of Luther's Small Catechism.

THE USE OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION

Confession

Second: What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer.

But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.