



Holy Week Meditation Monday, April 6, 2020

“With you, O Lord, is the well of life: and in your light we see light.”

(From Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals)

Lectionary for Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9

Hebrews 9:11-15

Psalms 36:5-11

Mark 11:12-25; John 12:1-11

As we enter this most holy week, the rhythms of Lent begin to beat a little stronger building up to the climax of our forty day journey. On Monday after his ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, we find Jesus engaging with a tree, a group of greedy people in the temple, and a woman whose deep love for the Messiah spills out (literally) with an extravagant gift.

Each of these scenes makes me wonder and ask myself a couple of questions. First, how am I pruning away distractions in my life this week that will allow good fruit to grow in my walk with Christ? Second, what sacrifice am I willing to make to express my love for the Lord of lords?

There is a piece of music by Pepper Choplin that speaks about the need to “clear the temple.” He writes, “Drive out self ambition, cast out the petty things. Break down the divisions and the conflict that they bring. Overturn the tables of our selfishness and greed. Break our hearts to minister to those in need.”

My hope is that as we journey this week that our minds would be free from the clutter and noise around us. That we would prune away the distractions and that we would immerse ourselves in the power of Christ, and be transformed by his grace.

Most gracious and loving God,

While we sat in darkness, Lord Jesus Christ, you interrupted us with your life.

*Make us, your people, a holy interruption so that by your Spirit's power we may live as a light to the nations,
even as we stumble through this world's dark night.*

Amen.