



Jesus Cleansing the Temple

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Cleansing The Temple

Third Sunday of Lent. Year B.

Hooray - spring is just around the corner! That means 'goodbye snow', and 'hello' to warmer weather, new leaves on our trees, and beautiful spring flowers coming into bloom! Spring is a season full of hope and promise, with lots of activity. For instance, birds start building their nests, and many of us start spring cleaning and sorting out our homes and houses after the long winter.

Today's Gospel is about a time when Jesus did some spring cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple, and he couldn't believe his eyes... There, in the temple area, he saw people selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a marketplace than a house of worship!

Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry that he made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor. To the ones who were selling the doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market." Yes, I would say that Jesus did some spring cleaning in the temple that day!

So this spring, don't forget to use Lent as a time to look inside ourselves. Are there any areas of your life where you could invite Jesus in to do some 'spring cleaning'? I know there certainly are in mine!

Word Search

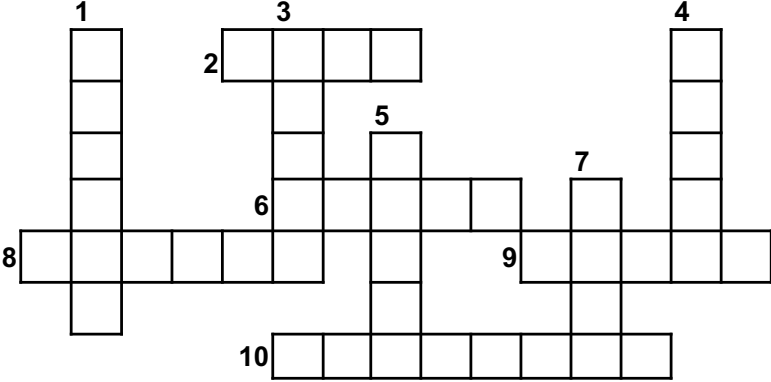
"He was very angry and overturned the tables of the money-changers, scattering their coins everywhere. Using a whip, he angrily chased the animals and their merchants out of the Temple, shouting at them, 'Take all of these things away and stop making my Father's house into a market place!'."

This week's word search is based on John 2: 13-25

C W C M C P A S S O V E R U N
 H F O B A Y D M O N E Y J A V
 A F U F T R K Y G E Q H K M S
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DROVE	SCATTERED	JERUSALEM
PASSOVER	SITTING	TEMPLE
COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP
CATTLE	WHIPS	MARKET
CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
- 6. An animal raised for its wool
- 9. Coins or notes used to pay for something
- 10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

- 1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
- 3. A building where a family lives
- 4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
- 5. The Son of God
- 7. A small, wild pigeon

Whip	Market	Passover	Sheep	Temple
House	Table	Money	Jesus	Dove

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. During this time when we think of 'spring cleaning', we ask you to forgive us when we do wrong. Please make us clean! Amen.

