

# March 10, 2021

## Welcome

### Table Grace

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### Candle Lighting Song

ELW #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" v1, 2 & 4

#### VERSE 1

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

#### VERSE 2

No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

#### VERSE 4

God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

### Prayer

God of justice, help us to protect the vulnerable  
with wisdom and audacity. Show us your true  
temple. Amen.



### Scripture

#### John 2: 13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### Poem

"Tecumseh" p. 387 of "Mary Oliver's Devotions"

I went down not long ago  
to the Mad River, under the willows  
I knelt and drank from that crumpled flow,  
call it  
what madness you will, there's a sickness  
worse than the risk of death and that's  
forgetting what we should never forget.  
Tecumseh lived here.  
The wounds of the past  
are ignored, but hang on  
like the litter that snags on the yellow  
branches  
newspapers and plastic bags, after the  
rains.

Where are the Shawnee now?  
Do you know? Or would you have to write  
to Washington, and even then  
whatever they said,  
would you believe them? Sometimes

I would like to paint my body red and go  
out into  
the glittering snow  
to die.

His name meant Shooting Star.  
From Mad River country north to the border  
he gathered the tribes  
and armed them one more time. He vowed  
to keep Ohio and it took him  
over twenty years to fail...

After the bloody and final fighting at Thames  
it was over, except  
his body could not be found.  
It was never found  
and you can do whatever you want with that,  
say

his people came in the black leaves of the  
night,  
and hauled him to a secret grave, or that  
he turned into a little boy again, and leaped  
into a birch canoe and went  
rowing home again down the rivers. Anyway,  
this much I'm sure of: if we ever meet him,  
we'll know it,  
he will still be  
so angry.'

## Table Conversation

### Song

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Reprise

#### CHORUS

A mighty fortress is our God:  
Our protector in the flood  
That overwhelms us;  
We're safe because  
A mighty fortress is our God.

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#### CHORUS

## Best Part of Your Week

### Lord's Prayer

*from New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of s all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through  
the universe!  
They way of your justice be followed by the  
peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created  
beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing,  
strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that  
is love, now and for ever. Amen**

## Blessing



**MAKING A WHIP OF CORDS,  
HE DROVE ALL OF THEM  
OUT OF THE TEMPLE,  
BOTH THE SHEEP AND THE CATTLE.**

**HE ALSO Poured OUT THE COINS  
OF THE MONEY CHANGERS  
AND OVERTURNED THEIR TABLES.**

**+ JOHN 2:15**