



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This Sunday's Gospel of **John 2:13-22** brings us face-to-face with Jesus in a moment of righteous, unsettling action. He doesn't just teach about God's future; He acts as if that future—God's ultimate reality—is **now**.

When Jesus clears the temple courts of merchants and moneychangers, He isn't just correcting a minor financial abuse. He is proclaiming that the old way of doing things, where the sacred was entangled with self-interest and profit, is over. The Sadducees and religious leaders were focused on maintaining a system—a building, a sacrificial economy—but Jesus points to a radical new structure: **Himself**. He declares, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). The disciples would later understand this prophecy referred to the **resurrection**.

Just as the text you shared reminds us that **God's future has already started in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus**, this event shows us that the resurrected, glorified life is not merely a promise for the end of time; it is a **present, disruptive reality**. Jesus, the **true Temple**, where God's presence resides completely, has broken into our world.

This radical reality challenges our own temples—the structures and habits we've built around comfort, tradition, and unquestioning adherence to the status quo. Jesus' action of cleansing the temple is a call for us to **cleanse our own hearts and communities** today, living in the light of the resurrection *now*.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



In addition, this week let us pray for:

- ◆ our leaders, that the Lord will illuminate them in the peace and wellbeing of the world;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ◆ all those affected by the ongoing wars.



He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

Luke 20

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