

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATION

TAKING Care Of the environment



“Care of Places of Worship”

Wednesday 8th April 2020

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

**At Providence Methodist Church
132 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6**

Welcome/ Greeting

Hymn “Angel Voices, Ever Singing” VIP 370/371

1. Angel voices, ever singing
Round thy throne of light
Angel harps, for ever ringing
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee,
And confess thee Lord of might.

2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine,
Thou didst ears, and hands, and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure all combine.

4. In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts, and minds, and hands and voices
In our choicest psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Prayer

Scripture Reading - Mark 11: 15 – 17

¹⁵ Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶ and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?
But you have made it a den of robbers.’”

MEDITATION - Jesus was angry when he observed the unfortunate practices that were taking place in the temple. He was adamant that the place reserved for the adoration of God must be conducive to worship. Not only the practices taking place inside, but also the environment around our church buildings must reflect care and pride. Do our church buildings give the appearance of venues wherein one may meet the King of kings and Sovereign Ruler of the universe?

Prayer

Hymn “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” VIP 100

1. When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Price of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God,
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his anks, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down,
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Benediction