

Third Sunday of Lent 2024

Preparation

Susanna Rookwood, who endured the hardships of imprisonment at five different times for her faith was entrusted by Mary Ward with many arduous missions including a journey on foot to Rome with Mary.

In my prayer place, I prepare my heart by pondering this faithful accompaniment.

Opening Prayer

I ask for the grace to be wholly God's by accompanying Jesus through difficult times.

Desire

I desire cleansing, liberation and freedom.

Prayer

I read the prayer texts to anchor myself in love, justice and right relationships.

In my prayer I see how Jesus cleanses.
I hear how he promises through the power of the resurrection to raise us, our communities and the world from the ruins left by injustice, division and hatred.

Colloquy of the Senses

In reverence I hold a crucifix, a symbol of love.

With the crucifix in my hands Jesus and I consider our friendship and how best to take loving action for cleansing, liberation and freedom.

You shall have no gods except me. Exodus 20:3

More to be desired are they than gold even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19:10



The passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 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. He told those who were selling doves, "Take these thing out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The religious leaders then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The religious leaders then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 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.



When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone. John 2:13-25