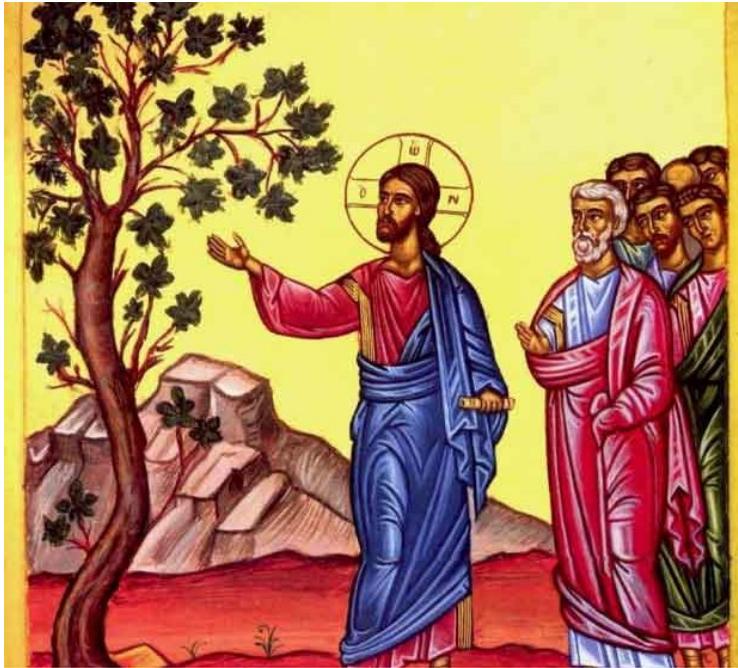


Holy Monday Service



P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Monday in Holy Week

P Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Genesis 3:1–8

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst

of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 21:18–22

¹⁸In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. ¹⁹And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once.

²⁰When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” ²¹And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. ²²And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Jesus Curses Adam’s Fig Leaves”

Hymn: In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

1 In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:

Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments
And He clothed their shame with skin.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
 Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
 Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

Prayer and Blessing