

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 11 12-21



One day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
Psalm 84:9-10

Praising:

We love the place O God, in
which your honour dwells,
the joy of your abode all earthly
joy excels.
It is the house of prayer, where
we your people meet,
and you, our Lord are there, your
chosen flock to greet.

Reading:

Mark 11:12-21
Cleansing the Temple

Church is about so many things:
the worship and praise, the
hearing and learning, the
fellowship and sharing. But it
ceases to be Church if isn't first
and foremost about prayer –
prayer in the sense of
encountering God. Encountering
God is at the heart of Where is
your chair? For all Christians the
private moments we make to be

with God are where our
relationship with him comes alive
and where life finds meaning and
direction. But Jesus shows us
how vital it is that God's people
should also come together
collectively to encounter him – as
a group. He guards the temple
space so jealously not just
because it is the house of the
Father, but because it is the place
where the Father gathers his
children to meet with him. The
essential mood and atmosphere
needed to be prayerful.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we pray today for our
universal access restoration
project

- to enhance and enrich our
corporate life of prayer
- to welcome more and more
people of all ages to hear
God's Word
- to deepen our trust and faith
as we share God's gifts in
Baptism and Communion

Father these private times with
you are precious and so pivotal
each day, but so are the times
when you call us to pray together
as one family: may I never take
either for granted. Amen

Doing: