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Dear friends



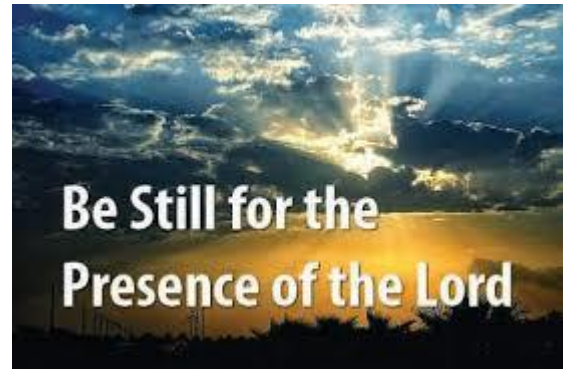
Today is Holy Monday and we recall the events of what happened after Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

In Matthew 21:12-17 we read that Jesus cleansed the temple. Jesus was deeply disturbed by the fact that the nature of the temple, as a place of worship and prayer, were changed into a “money making enterprise”. Jesus “cleansed” it from all the things that would hinder the people to meet with God.

On this day, we reflect/think of all the things that hinder us from meeting with God. Let us pause and think of all the things that “hinder” us to be still for/in the presence of God.



Maybe we can find the time today, to be “still” for/in the presence of God! May we all sing the hymn “Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here”.



Blessings,

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Matthew 21: 12-17 Jesus at the temple

12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 ‘It is written,’ he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,”[e] but you are making it “a den of robbers.”[f]’ 14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant. 16 ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him. ‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read, “‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise”[g]?’ 17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.