

When it's rough out there
March 25, 2018

1. Introductions
 - a. Who I am
 - b. What makes me a stakeholder in responding to public violence
2. List emotional and policy issues that you notice, such as mental illness, gun control, public demonstration, fear, anger, and/or others.
3. Bible study: Mark 11:1-11
 - a. First person reads the text out loud. Imagine you're there. What do you see, taste, touch, smell, or hear?
 - b. Second person reads the text out loud. Imagine you're there. You're with Jesus. How does he respond to you? What does he say to you?
 - c. Third person reads the text out loud. Listen for a call to action or change.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

4. List responses to Bible study on separate chart paper. Compare lists from items 2 and 4.

5. What spiritual resources will you apply to this issue? Examples:

- a. Scripture
- b. Tradition
- c. Reason
- d. Sacraments
 - i. Baptism
 - ii. Eucharist
 - iii. Confirmation
 - iv. Matrimony
 - v. Ordination
 - vi. Penance
 - vii. Unction
- e. Spiritual practices
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Sabbath keeping
 - iii. Pilgrimage
 - iv. Rule of Life
 - v. Journaling
 - vi. Tithing
 - vii. Forgiveness

6. What support do you need?

7. Prayer, adjourn