

RECEIVE A HOME FROM GOD

C22 Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Si 17; Ps 67; Heb 12; Lk 14]

*Be gentle in carrying out your business
no cure for the proud person's malady
God leads the prisoners forth to freedom
Starved, you gave them new life
You have made a home for the poor
Everyone a 'first born son', citizen of heaven
Take my yoke upon you
Who humbles himself will be exalted
Invite the poor, crippled, lame and blind.*

Greeting

In today's Scripture we remember that Jesus mediates a new creation that sets us free from self-absorption. Let us ask mercy for the times we acted with proud self-sufficiency.

Prayers of the Faithful

1. Presence – God's presence fills our world - oceans and land, the tropics and arctic. That Church community groups help us to find God at home in all places on Earth ... we pray
2. Compassion - Scripture shows God's preferential option for the suffering. That as a nation we care for prisoners, the traumatised and aid nations towards self-sufficiency ... we pray
3. Belonging – God has made us children and heirs. That national laws provide citizens with a home and protect the habitat of every species so all have a place to belong ... we pray
4. New Covenant – Jesus is the new covenant with God's People. That we cherish the gifts of Earth, happy to find God present and revealed in its diversity ... we pray
5. Mother Earth – God created Earth as a mother. That with scientists we value the healing power of the natural world, welcoming the sun's gift of energy to power home and work ... we pray

our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us Pope Francis Laudato Si' #1

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, at home with the poor in human history, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Called to be gentle in life, knowing there is no cure for the proud person's malady, we give an attentive ear to the dreams of wise teachers. You free prisoners and feed the starved, care for the crippled and blind, giving them a home with you. We are gifted as first born children and citizens of heaven, so, we join with the choirs of heaven, people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

Dismissal

God lovingly makes a home within this community. As co-heirs in Jesus we can go out as the first born of a new creation to proclaim a new covenant.

Season of Creation

The word 'theme' can set a mistaken liturgical tone, setting an educational or even campaigning style. It is better to focus on a celebration time 'for' creation since God is at home with Earth. Remembering a 'grace' leads to then give thanks as in the style of Eucharistic prayer. It is the primary model for liturgical prayer. Moral imperatives follow, not lead. Even worthy campaigns can distract from honouring God as Creator.



Covenant

As Jesus healed the leper, cured the sick and cast out devils he grew God's 'Healing Covenant' of loving kindness (Mt 4:23-25). The Sabbath rest and Jubilee heals creation (Lv ch. 25; Jm 5:14-15). God's care for the land was the sign of this covenant (Ps 104:10-14). Polluting land (Nm 35:33-34; Ezk 34:17-18) was a sign of Israel breaking the covenant (Is 24:4-6). The land mourns (Ho 4:1-3). Freeing people and Earth are works of the same healing God (Rm 8:19-21).

Champions and Saints

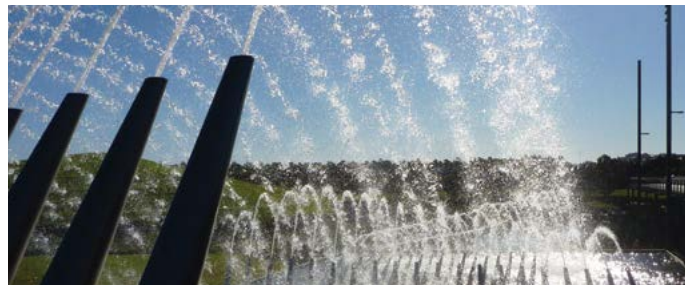
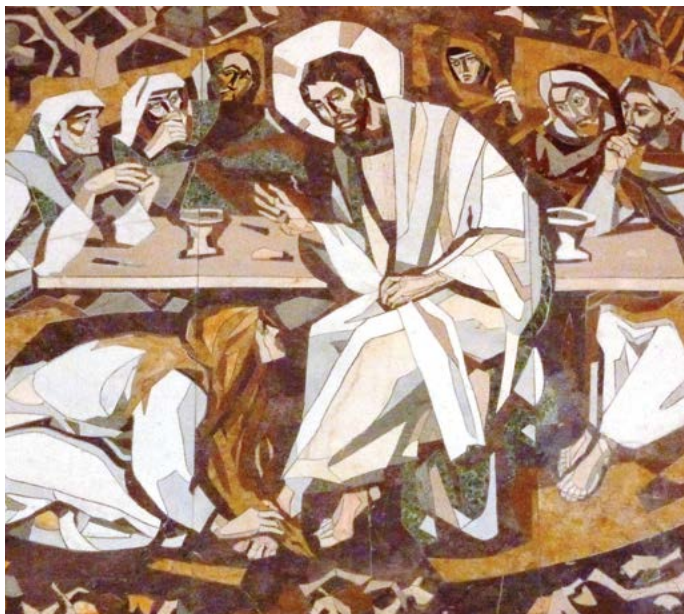
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The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #13

Mysticism

Mixing contemplative and active lives, many saints grew as leaders of unity. Saints Columban



growing conviction that our planet is a homeland and that humanity is one people living in a common home

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #164

and Catherine of Sienna challenged Popes and kings alike to better serve their peoples. Today, faith motivated activists linking peace, social justice and eco-awareness welcome the *integral ecology spirituality* of Pope Francis. He links ecology and economics, justice and compassion, law and life style to entighten the evolving relationship of God-Earth-Humanity as a communion of love (LS#66, #77).

Ecological Insight

John Elkington created an accounting framework called the *triple bottom line* as a tool to access sustainability, the 3Ps - people, planet and profits. Beyond profits and share value, it includes environmental and social dimensions. Making money the sole unit of evaluation has cultural limits in weighing up benefits. <http://www.ibrc.indiana.edu/ibr/2011/spring/article2.html>

Local Culture

The whole church is fully present in the local church as *inculturaton* (Lumen Gentium #13). Globally, processions celebrate local saints and natural wonders with music, dance and singing to take people beyond the ordinary.

The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #21

GOD'S TIMELINE

23 C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Ws 9; Ps 89; Phm 9; Lk 14]

*Who can know the intentions of God?
In every age God has been our refuge
In your eyes a thousand years is like yesterday
Make us know the shortness of our life
Give success to the work of our hands
Better than a slave - a dear brother
Teach us your laws
Who does not carry his cross ... cannot be my
disciple
Started to build and was unable to finish
My disciple ... gives up all his possessions
I am the light of the world.*

***to commit a crime against the natural
world is a sin against ourselves and a sin
against God***

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #8

Greeting

Today's Readings remind us that God created all life on Earth over eons, even the air we breathe. Have we taken these gifts of God for granted and the people around us?

**Prayers of the Faithful**

1. Circles of Life – In God justice and mercy meet. That our Church lead us into circles of life where we love sisters and brothers and Earth itself as kin ... we pray
2. Precaution - God is the source of wisdom. That national leaders truthfully assess the consequences of their environmental plans, abiding by the principle of precaution ... we pray
3. Lifestyle - Like a loving parent, God has formed us from Earth. That we choose simple lifestyles and not become slaves to passing whims that tread Earth underfoot ... we pray
4. Cosmic Time – God created the Universe over billions of years. That our generation not disrupt the time line God has set for Earth by changing the climate ... we pray
5. Astronomy – God has given delight to astronomers in every age. That we strive to understand their findings, rejoice with them in what they discover, and learn to respect God's time line ... we pray

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, God ever-living and present in human history, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Humanity is called to take on the mind of God in whose eyes a thousand years is like yesterday, so that people of every age gladly find refuge in divine revelations. Even in the shortness of an individual life, God fills their hearts with the ways of order and change, if they search. With hands and heart, they use the gifts of Earth to find God as the light of the world. So, we join with the choirs of heaven, people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

***science and religion, with their distinctive
approaches ... can enter into an intense
dialogue fruitful for both***

Pope Francis Laudato Si #62

Dismissal

Today's Eucharist gives us the courage to take a more humble stance in life. We go, in the wisdom of God, to help make Earth a place ordered according to God.



Season of Creation

Inserting a 'Season of Creation' into the Catholic Liturgical Year during September is a structural way to help implement the Pope's vision in *Laudato Si'*. As a pastoral initiative, it challenges and stimulates believers to face the 21st century ecological crisis. Eucharist is a privileged place to remember *Laudato Si'* in prayer, loving all things on Earth as kin until the completion of creation.

***"ecosystems" ... have an intrinsic value ...
Each organism, as a creature of God, is
good and admirable in itself***

Pope Francis *Laudato Si'* #140



Covenant

The prologue of John's Gospel proclaims a 'Cosmic Covenant' in Jesus as the Word of God made flesh (Jn 1:1-5), Good News to the nations (Ac 13:46-47), with the Spirit actively present to the culture of every land (Ac 15:6-9). The Cosmic Christ connects with the end time (Mt 25:34-40) bringing fulfilment to the human journey (1Th 4:16-17) and salvation for the entire cosmos (Ep 1:9-10). Apocalyptic writings show God's perspective (Is 51:6, 52:7) with the risen Lord as head over every power (Co 1:14-17).

Champions and Saints

Brother Guy Consalmagno SJ, sometimes dubbed the Pope's Astronomer, believes that science and religion must work together. Addressing the 2005 Catholic Earthcare Conference on Climate Change in Canberra, he said "Religion needs science to keep it away from superstition and close to reality, protecting it from the creationism falsehood."

Mysticism

Mantra like prayer is common to all spiritual pathways. It may be the repetition of a phrase from Scripture, *Come Lord Jesus*, or a verse of poetry, *I bind unto myself today, the virtues of the star-lit heaven ... The stable Earth, the*

deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks (St Patrick). By chanting of the Psalms, Benedictine and Orthodox nuns and monks give voice to the power of mantras, giving a sense of a time beyond time.

Ecological Insight

The Australian Department of the Environment designs and implements Governmental policies and programmes. Its work rests on four pillars - clean water, national heritage, clean air and healthy land - helping to conserve the environment and promote action on global warming. Its *State of the Environment Australia* gives check-lists – an environmental reality scorecard for the nation; pointers for the media and decision makers. <http://www.environment.gov.au/science/soe/2011>

***the ecological movement ... thanks to
their efforts, environmental questions
have increasingly found a place on public***

Pope Francis *Laudato Si'* #166



Local Culture

The whole church is fully present in the local church as *inculturation* (Lumen Gentium #13). Catholics in the Congo use drum and dance to celebrate Mass in Missa Luba. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToNb-02n3KY&list=PL4F8CAE4847997A9F&index=1> Believers at Taizé use multiple chants to sing the praises of God.



A CONTRITE SPIRIT

24 C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Ex 32; Ps 50; 1 Tm 1; Lk 15]

*The dignity which distinguishes the poor in spirit
Your people whom you brought out of Egypt
Wash me more and more from my guilt
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit
Jesus came into the world to save sinners
In Christ to reconcile the world to yourself
This man welcomes sinners and eats with them
Celebration ... he was lost and is found.*

Greeting

Today's Reading remind us that, to be forgiven and to forgive, are graces of God. Even the forgiving natural world reveals God's mercy towards human follies. We ask forgiveness from Earth, God and those around us.

Prayers of the Faithful

1. Sacrifice – Jesus gave himself unto death on the cross. That our Church be a sign of loving service and new beginnings, knowing that new life flows from sacrifice ... we pray
2. Conversion - Jesus preached a Gospel of repentance. That our nation change business practices and enact laws to stop ecological abuse of God's Earth ... we pray
3. Migrants - God led the Chosen People to migrate out of Egypt. That our parish support migrant people often forced to flee ecological collapse in their homelands ... we pray
4. Forgive - God is like the prodigal son's forgiving father. That we take the initiative in seeking reconciliation with those near to us and with marginalised groups ... we pray
5. Celebrate - Jesus celebrated the prodigal son come to life. That we celebrate the environmental encyclical of Pope Francis and respect science as he shows ... we pray

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each creature

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #92

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, present in human stories of liberation, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Faithful to your promises, you led the people you created out of slavery in Egypt and gave them a new homeland. Even when they rebelled, abusing the land and cutting themselves off from its other inhabitants, you sent prophets to expose their guilt. Many returned with a contrite spirit, following Jesus who ate with sinners and reconciled the world to you. So we join with the choirs of heaven, people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #77

Dismissal

In this Eucharist we have celebrated God's gift of forgiveness. We can go forth with confidence to bring the Good News of reconciliation for all peoples and creatures where we live.



Season of Creation

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The Church's liturgical year draws from the timeframe of Earth's natural seasons. This reminds us that humanity is formed from Earth and part of the planet community, called to humbly accept our proper place. Christian stories of salvation graft onto nature's seasons. Vatican II's liturgical reforms were a model to cooperation among churches. A Season of Creation evolved to help believers respond to the 21st century environmental crisis.

Covenant

As a prophet, Jesus preached a 'Repentance Covenant'. He told of human owners taking the inheritance gifted by God as if it was their own (Mk 12:1-9) preaching repentance (Is 5:1-2). God's covenants circumscribe hearts (Dt 10:16) and point to the consequences of self-centred greed (Mi 2:1-3). War must not abuse women or make slaves (Ze 14:2; Dt 20:14). The day of reckoning is coming (Am 6:3-8) but God can breathe new life into dry bones (Ezk 37:9).

Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #119

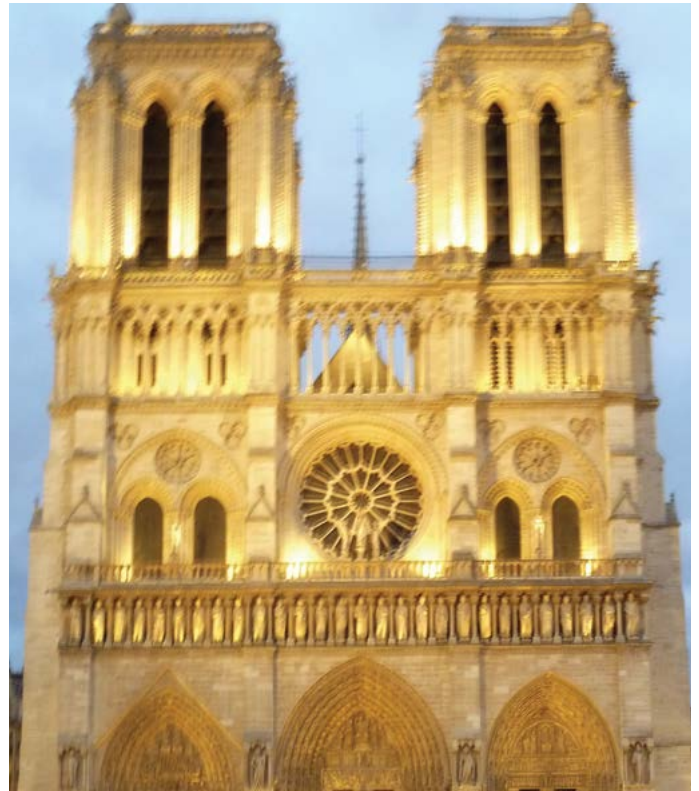
Champions and Saints

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Pope Francis was a leader in the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM). He knew the suffering of the poor caused by chemical agricultural malpractice. At the UN in 2015 he praised eco-campaigners and challenged UN members to care for Earth as our common home. He reiterated the dignity of every species *in its own right* as our kin. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/september/documents/papa-francesco_20150925_onu-visita.html

Mysticism

Religious Orders have distinctive spiritualities unique to their mission in Jesus, often called *charism*. In the midst of global environmental problems, many have grown *eco-spirituality*. Benedictine, Jesuit, Franciscan, Columban and other websites carry major sections linking faith-ecology. 'Genesis Farm' type places offer eco-spiritual formation. Many dioceses facilitate formation for educators and the eco-spiritual dimension of Sunday Eucharist.



Ecological Insight

'Cumulative Environmental Effects' names the collective impact of human activities, *ecological footprint*. Greenhouse gases combine to cause global with ongoing impacts: polluted air, land and water damage Earth's ecosystems; melting Arctic permafrost and glaciers; systemic damage from industrial waste and transport design; indirect damage like habitat loss leading to loss of biodiversity. The *precautionary principle* in scientific evaluation is part of Catholic ethics (*Compendium* #469).

ecological conversion ... offering ourselves to God 'as living sacrifice'

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #220

Local Culture

The whole church is fully-present in the local church as *inculturaton* (Lumen Gentium #13). The chanting and foot stamping of Aboriginal people at the 2000 Olympics - <https://vimeo.com/122295339> and North American first nation peoples <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcnA5nUNSE4> express the spiritual birth of humanity from Earth and healing.



GOD LOVES THE POOR

25C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Am 8; Ps 112; 1 Tm 2; Lk 16]

*You who trample on the needy ... suppress poor
Swindling and tampering with the scales
Say ...we can buy up the poor for money,
The Lord lifts up the poor
Prayers offered for everyone ... authorities
Christ Jesus who sacrificed himself
Named as herald and apostle ... telling the truth
Children of this world more astute
Dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great
Cannot be a slave of both God and money*

Greeting

Today's Readings remind us that God protects the poor from the unscrupulous. Have we overcome the lure of money to share even in little things?

The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #83

Prayers of the Faithful

1. The Poor –God hears the twin cry of Earth and the cry of the Poor. That our nation enact laws to curb tax evasion and patenting abuses, creating satisfying jobs ... we pray
2. Equinox - God created balance in the seasons of Spring and Autumn. That our Church govern itself with balance and diversity in its communal ministry ... we pray
3. Astute – Jesus praised the unjust steward. That our parish lead church institutions to invest in sustainable food and energy ventures, astute as merchants of death ... we pray
4. Benefits – God gives equally to all. That our plans not focus only on benefits for those close to us or an elite, but create opportunities for all ... we pray
5. Money – Jesus said we cannot serve God and be slaves to money. That business deal honestly with employees and research preferences the poor. ... we pray

A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #91

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, God of the poor, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. You cry when we trample on the needy and look with disdain on the poor. You feel with those who suffer and lift them up. You listen when we pray for the courage to inspire those in authority to act justly and shun avarice. Through the suffering and compassion of Christ Jesus, you show a preferential love for the poor. We join with the choirs of heaven, all people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, Holy ...

Dismissal

In this celebration of the Eucharist we have experienced the loving embrace of God. With new light and strength, we seek the riches God names, even to the point of willing self-sacrifice.



Season of Creation

Catholics in all nations are caught up in an environmental crisis. *A Season of Creation* is a prayer-filled way to find God in this crisis. It re-defines the meaning of *love for the poor* since God's face is visible in the suffering poor of every species - people and inhabitants of oceans or sky. Creation prayer tells an expanded new cosmic story of a Creator God. Salvation history is about fourteen billion years of God's unfolding work. It marries ecological insights to the voice of Earth in the Scriptures.

Covenant

God wills that humanity enter a 'Struggle Covenant', immersed in cycles of death and new life. To journey and strive for the good is the state of all descendants of Adam and Eve (Gn 3:17-19). Jesus warns, be awake (Mk 13:28-33), as that world groans to be set free (Rm 8:5, 19-22). Fight the good fight (1Tim 6:12) trusting the providence of God (Ph 4:6) for the Cross of Jesus flowers as the Tree of Life (Gn 2:9; Rv 2:7).

Champions and Saints

Many Religious take St Francis of Assisi as their patron. He combined as one, *care for Earth and care for the Poor*. Franciscans like Sister Ilia Delio tease out links between human beings, God and the universe. In Australia Religious run environmental faith formation centres such as the Mercy Sisters Earth Link or Presentations Erin Earth.

Mysticism

St Francis willingly embraced sister poverty. This was radical. In giving away his possessions, embracing the leper, he inspired others to follow his gentle spiritual way. In our day, the 1987 Brundtland Report on *Our Common Future* pleads not to rob future generations of needed resources - like a treatise on a *modern spirituality of poverty* – love, justice and cooperation to grow an *ecologically sustainable development*. <http://www.un-documents.net/our-common-future.pdf>



'ecological conversion', whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #217

Ecological Insight

Inter-disciplinary studies link seemingly unrelated areas of knowledge –such as climate change, heat/water stress and health. Linking areas such as values and economics is more difficult. Likewise, the cross over between religion as a cultural worldview and exact sciences is difficult. But dialogue and respect for long term aims can advance human knowledge so that science and religion both benefit (*Laudato Si'* #199-201).

Local Culture

The whole church is fully present in the local church as *inculturaton* (Lumen Gentium #13). Rap music and Gregorian chant, street art and cathedrals, each in their own way and in different circles tell human stories of striving in hope.

we are agreed today that the Earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #93



GOD ALWAYS FAITHFUL

26C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary ecologically

[Am 6; Ps 145; I Tm 6; Lk 16]

*Woe to those ensconced so snugly
Praise the Lord my soul
It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
Just to those who are oppressed
The Lord protects the stranger
Aim to be saintly ... fight the good fight
Filled with faith and love, patient and gentle
Jesus was rich but became poor
Not be convinced
even if someone rise from the dead.*

Greeting

Today's Readings remind us that God is the faithful one whose power makes us into saints. Let us confess for the times that we have become comfortable and smug in our own achievements.

Prayers of the Faithful

1. Faithfulness – God keeps faith with our world forever. That we take responsibility and work with Church leaders to faithfully serve the flowering of all God's creation ... we pray
2. Pride - Jesus taught parables about pride. That we strive to help our nation know when to change and choose pathways of true joy for the total Earth community ... we pray
3. Saints - All holiness springs from God. That we acclaim the work of God in the martyrs for good in our time, open to be the saints God wants us to be for our time ... we pray
4. Frailties - Jesus took on the frailties of human nature. That in disagreements with others, even in a good cause, we consciously act with respect and patience ... we pray
5. Vocation – Jesus gave each believer a vocation to read the *signs of the times*. That we praise the vocation of scientists exploring human journey and learn from their dedication ... we pray.

***whatever is fragile, like the environment,
is defenceless before the interests of a
deified market, which become the only
rule*** Pope Francis Laudato Si' #56

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, ever-faithful God, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. He filled his followers with gifts of love, patience and gentleness. By example he declared his mission - emptying himself to become one with the outsider, protecting and fighting the good fight with them in their need. The believer is not overcome by the arrogant, nor the cynical, who have narrowed their vision of life. So, we join with the choirs of heaven, all people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

Dismissal

In this Eucharist we have been nourished by God who is faithful. Given the power to be saints we journey in respect for others and Earth that upholds us.

***Each creature possesses its own
particular goodness and perfection***

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #69



Season of Creation

In 2013 Pope Francis exhorted pastors to address real life issues in the Eucharistic, taking on *the smell of the sheep*. Faced with a global ecological crisis, humanity needs spiritual help. In 2015 the Pope said that pastors need to be systematically prepared from their seminary days to address *ecological conversion*. Systems apply to organising Sunday Eucharist. *A Season of Creation* gives one framework.

Covenant

God's 'Noah Covenant' is often called the *Forgotten Covenant* (Gn 9:8-15). With the rainbow as its sign, God promises to never again harm Noah's descendants or every living creature, (Si 44:19). It is a unilateral covenant based solely on God's own faithfulness (Lk 1:68-75). God never takes back gifts already granted (Rm 11:29) so all can attain its God given purpose (Rm 8:19-21). Pain and joy are integral to creation (Is 24:4-6; Ps 96:11-12; Ps 105:26-35).

Champions and Saints

Teachers in Catholic schools form students to love Earth, teaching how ecology helps reveal the wonder of God's creation and its fulfilment in Christ. Townsville diocesan teachers are capable of forming their own students, not being forced to bring in 'outside experts'. They created a local eco-faith curriculum called *On Holy Ground* supported by a dedicated centre 'for' the environment. www.gumburu.tsv.catholic.edu.au/

The nobility of the human vocation to participate responsibly in God's creative action

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #131

Mysticism

In Jesus the spiritual and material worlds are united - *Incarnation*. It underpins the Sacraments as it uses material objects to mediate the spiritual. The traditional wisdom of nature religions respects a spiritual universe and seeks fulfilment by linking to its mystery. A spiritual way of belonging on Earth challenges people imbued with a materialistic mind-set.

Ecological Insight

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology has a section on Aboriginal climate knowledge. Accumulated over millennium, it grows from a

sense of belonging to country. Everything is in an evolving kinship. One oral story goes back over 10,000 years to the last ice age when the oceans were lower so that the Yarra River flowed into the sea through Port Philip Bay Heads. <http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/?ref=fr>

Local Culture

The whole church is fully present in the local church as *inculturaton* (Lumen Gentium #13). At the 2015 COP meeting in Paris, young people from multiple nations paraded through Notre Dame with diverse works of art. [https://www.google.com/search?q=2015+cop+21+notre+dam](https://www.google.com/search?q=2015+cop+21+notre+dam+e+paris&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKEwjtp7xyLP4AhU3z6ACHWxOD98Q2-cCegQIABAA&oeq=2015+cop+21+notre+dame+paris)

The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #219



JOY IN GOD GIVEN PEACE

27C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Hab 1; Ps 94; I T 1; Lk 17]

*The upright will live by faithfulness
Harden not your hearts
Ring out your joy to the Lord
The flock that is led by his hand
They tried me even though they saw my work
Fan into flame the gift God gave you
God's gift is not a spirit of timidity
Never to be ashamed of witnessing.*

Greeting

Today the Scriptures remind us to celebrate with joy that God has called us as friends and missionary disciples. Have we been ashamed to say that we are God's servants?

St Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #12

Prayers of the Faithful

1. Peace - God gives humankind all creatures as brother and sister. That State leaders look beyond borders with structured relief so all nations can live in peace ... we pray
2. Singing –God creates music in the sound of the waves and the wind in the trees. That our parish hymns remember God's works with joy, thanks and commitment to care... we pray
3. Freedom – God's teachings are demanding but lead to freedom. That we hear the cries of those oppressed by tyrannical work conditions and advocate for reform ... we pray
4. Sustainability - God takes us beyond what our minds can imagine. That we support farmers standing for ecological sustainability even when economically pressed ... we pray
5. Ocean – Lord you made the ocean a source of mystery for your Chosen people. That we hear the ocean scientists who open to us its hidden complexity and beauty ... we pray

The same mindset which stands in the way of making radical decisions to reverse the trend of global warming also stands in the way of achieving the goal of eliminating poverty.

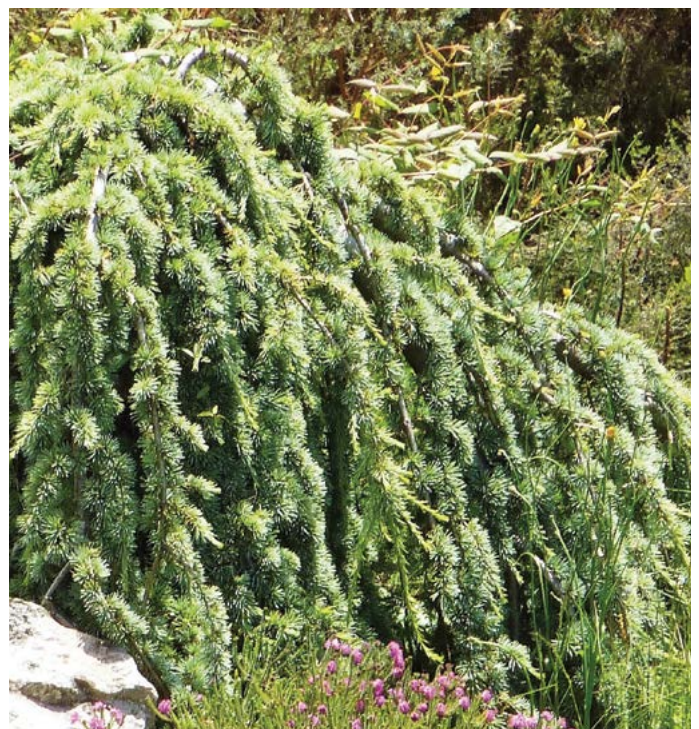
Pope Francis Laudato Si' #175

Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, ever-faithful God, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Peace is your gift for all peoples. It shatters hard hearts. Nations choose to be led by you into ways that respect difference and appreciate a variety of cultures. God faithfully works to fan the flame of commitment to peace for humanity and Earth as its common home. Timid hearts grow in confidence to witness to peace by the way they live, celebrating each new step with joy. So, we join with the choirs of heaven, all people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

Dismissal

In this Eucharist we have celebrated the abiding presence of the Spirit of Jesus. We go as missionaries imagining an Earth of peace for future generations of every species.



Season of Creation

Liturgy uses the symbolic value of material things and actions to make present the divine. While Bernard Crooke warned that over dependence on intermediaries can lead to the 'The Distancing of God', new understanding of the ecology-faith link brings the divine closer. Liturgical celebration of creation is a real step in growing harmony and peace with Earth itself.

Champions and Saints

Norman Habel, ordained as a Lutheran minister he became a Biblical scholar, writer and missionary in India. He initiated The Earth Bible five volume series and led an ecumenical movement to include The Season of Creation as part of the liturgical prayer year within Church communities.

keep in mind the principle of subsidiarity, which grants freedom to develop the capabilities present at every level of society, while also demanding a greater sense of responsibility for the common good.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #196

Mysticism

The life of Saint and Pope John XXIII exemplifies a spirituality of happy service – student chaplain and diplomat, pastor and pope. He gently advanced global peace, ecumenism and dialogue. Opening the Vatican windows to the Holy Spirit he convened the Second Vatican Council for the pastoral renewal of Church. Its first degree was on liturgy. It gives a new basis to express creation theology and spirituality.

Ecological Insight

French winemakers developed the term terroir by observing variations in wines from different regions, vineyards, or even different sections of the same vineyard. It described the unique aspects of a particular place. Planting the right vine in the right place is a story for all - how to wisely grow humanity as well as preserve land - a vision of harmony and peace. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terroir>



Local Culture

The whole church is fully-present in the local church as inculturation (Lumen Gentium #13). The nuns in the Rhine monastery of St Hildegard of Bingen, created new medical cures for the sick and chants for their chapel. They would feel at home at Genesis Farm and other modern ecology-spirituality centres.

a critique of the “myths” of a modernity grounded in a utilitarian mindset (individualism, unlimited progress, competition, consumerism, the unregulated market).

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