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May 1st 6th Sunday of Easter John 14: 23 – 29

Reflection: “Whoever loves me will keep my word.”

Loving God, loving oneself and loving each other are all part of the web of loving relationships into which God calls us. God IS relationship. For any relationship to grow, being attentive by listening to the other is important. Listening to the word of God is part of growing in our loving relationship with God. Of course we listen to God in scripture. But we also listen to God when we acknowledge and respect ourselves, our neighbours and the Earth itself as God’s gifts, and treat them well. The Earth is speaking to us in many ways. Are we listening? Do we really know how to listen to the natural world? How can we learn to better listen to God and ourselves by being attentive to the natural world?

Fact File: Australian theologian, Fr Denis Edwards has written: “We have a new sense of ourselves as human community within a global community of life, where every form of life has its own intrinsic value. The emerging spirituality involves respect for the dignity of each human being anda sense of belonging with, and of interdependence with, the other creatures of our planet, and a commitment to their well-being.

Learn More: Read “Jesus and the Natural World, exploring a Christian Approach to Ecology”, Denis Edwards, Garrett Publishing, 2012.

Take Action: Take time daily to pay attention to nature. Listen to what it is saying in the birds, the insects, the clouds, the sky, the ground under your feet. Give thanks to God for the gifts of Earth: rain, changing seasons, clean water to drink, healthy food, trees, healthy soil to grow your food. Take action to preserve these gifts.

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