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Online Resource

Pathways:

Hope for the Journey

2nd Sunday Advent - Year C

REJOICE



Delivered from bondage,
laugh and sing (Ps 125)

Prayers and Sunday Scripture

*Son makes the night radiant
May the darkness not blind us
Judge wisely the things of Earth
Put on the beauty of God
As streams in dry land
On our lips there were songs
The name of God gives life
Walk in safety, in the forest shade
Finish good work begun in you
Love as Christ Jesus
Improve knowledge and perception
Voice cries, prepare the way
You give us bread from heaven.*

Laudato Si' #16 - Themes

- the poor and planet fragile
- all in the world is connected
- power derived from technology
- other ways to understand economy
- each creature has its own value
- human meaning of ecology
- need forthright and honest debate
- international and local policies
- throw-away culture and lifestyle.

The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward, with us and through us, towards a common point of arrival, which is God. Pope Francis Laudato Si' #83

United Nations

Pope Francis' address to the UN. I pay homage to all those men and women whose loyalty and self-sacrifice have benefitted humanity as a whole in these past seventy years. He went on to say, we human beings are part of the environment ... (but) a selfish and boundless thirst for power and material prosperity leads both to the misuse of available natural resources and to the exclusion of the weak and disadvantaged. (25 Sep. 2015).

Prayers of the Faithful

1. **Self-centred** – Creation flows from a loving outpouring of God's own self. That we be freed from the bondage of self-centred greed ... *we pray*
2. **Choices** – In God's plan humans are free to rebel. That we repent of our negative choices and let God finish the work begun in us ... *we pray.*
3. **Prophets** – In both ancient and modern times God sends prophets. That we look for modern messages of God to prepare the way for God's Reign in Christ...*we pray*
4. **Joy** – the Psalms are songs of joy remembering God's works. That living the Gospel be a source of joy for all around us ... *we pray*
5. **Mission** – The abiding Spirit deepens our spiritual perception. That the mission work of our lives proclaim the mystery of God's presence ... *we pray*

Mary Evelyn Tucker

Mary Ellen was involved with the Earth Charter since its inception. Now at Yale University she works in both the Schools of the Environment and Divinity. With her husband John Grim they direct the Forum on Religion and Ecology. The enc-crisis led them to organize conferences on World Religions and Ecology at Harvard (1995-1998) and edit the output. Their interdisciplinary way of work was inspired by studies with Thomas Berry. They worked with evolutionary philosopher, Brian Swimme, to create a multi-media project called Journey of the Earth. Tucker and Grim promote the environmental encyclical of Pope Francis.

Action

1. Join the Sunday choir to better proclaim God's deeds
2. Join a committee welcoming refugees
3. Give a copy of Laudato Si' as a Christmas present

Mission's Warm Embrace

Jesus himself is the model of this method of evangelization ... when he speaks to someone, he looks into their eyes with deep love and concern: ... Enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually.

Pope Francis Joy of the Gospel' #269

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