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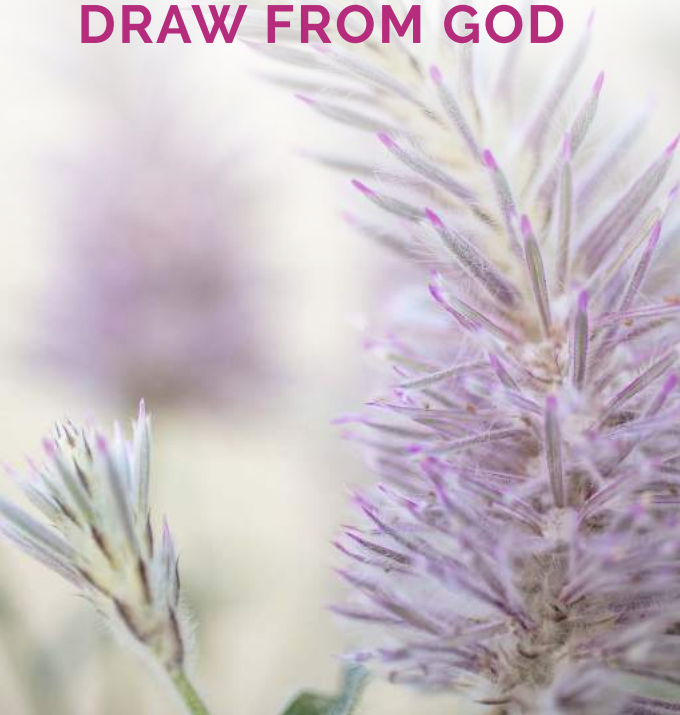
Online Resource

Pathways:

Hope for the Journey

3rd Sunday Advent - Year C

DRAW FROM GOD



Draw water from the wells of salvation (Is 12:3)

Prayers and Sunday Scripture

*Look forward to Christ's birthday
Father faithful to promises
Earth rejoices, prepare hearts
God is in your midst
Renew you by God's love
No fear and limp limbs, dance
Want you to be happy,
Have a need, pray for it
Peace of God guards your thoughts
Sent to bring Good News to the poor
Expectancy had grown among the people
Baptise with Holy Spirit and fire.*

Mercy

Two Scriptural words for mercy are *hesed* and *rahamim* – the loving kindness of God and the love welling up from the gut. “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you” (Is 49:15). Luke chapter 15 has three parables about mercy. Loving kindness is the way God acts.

*Saint Francis shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.
Pope Francis Laudato Si #10*

Big History

The Big History Project was created at Macquarie University. At the beginning of their university life, students are invited to situate their studies and their personal expectations within the history of the universe. This frees them to break out of boxes of specialisation and be in awe at their place on their wonderful blue planet. Modules have also been prepared for high schools.

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Prayers of the Faithful

1. **Searching** - God has set a divine yearning deep in our hearts. That the Church be restless and never waver in its search, expecting to find ... *we pray*
2. **History** – God is present in all history. That our parish seek to find the presence of God's own self in our historical time ... *we pray*
3. **Leaders** – God faithfully raises leaders in Church and society. That they will serve the common good in word and deed ... *we pray*
4. **Obedience** – Jesus was baptised by the Holy Spirit. That we will be obedient to the call of the Spirit in our lives ... *we pray*
5. **Generous** – God gave Israel land to dwell in and to enjoy peace. That we generously welcome those who have no country of their own ... *we pray*

Julian Tenison Woods

Prominent in Australian Church history for helping Mother Mary McKillop found the Josephite Sisters, a lesser known part of his story was as a writer on natural history. Born in London, walking in the Jersey forests as a youth and then working on a newspaper in Docks area he learnt many sides of life. A migrant to Australia he was ordained in 1857 then appointed the first parish priest at Penola. Travelling on horseback between churches, he would stop under a tree and in the contemplative silence of the bush write his scientific articles on local geology. He combined pastoral care for people with knowledge of the ecological issues of his time.

Action

1. Affirm people of good will with letters of praise for their work
2. Learn about Australian Church heroes and their work

Mission's Loving Embrace

*The kingdom, already present and growing in our midst ... Our mandate is to “go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mk 16:15), for “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Rom 8:19) ... hope, which seeks the eschatological kingdom, always generates history.
Pope Francis Joy of the Gospel #181*

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