

Laudato Si' Week, Sunday, May 17, 2020

“Let all the Earth cry out to God with joy”

How appropriate that this is the psalm response for this 6th Sunday of Easter. As we continue the Easter Season, this psalm is a call to celebrate Christ’s resurrection; Jesus is alive. How appropriate we sing “Let all the Earth cry out to God with joy” this Sunday because it is also the commemoration of the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si’ On Care of our Common Home*. This papal encyclical invites us to remember that we are part of the integral ecology making us one with Earth, with other peoples, at work in our environment wherever we happen to be. The psalm today is a challenge for us because if we are honest this refrain may also be a cry from Earth not in joy but a cry of sadness, struggle, and pain. We are called to listen to how Earth cries out for our attention. (From a homily by Brendan Curran, OP)

In the conclusion of the encyclical, Pope Francis reminds us, “May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.” (*Laudato Si’* 244)

Reflection:

Listen to Earth. What do you hear?

What is the joy of your hope for Earth?

Pray:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

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