A Reflection for the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation invites us to see the world not as a resource to be consumed, but as a sacred gift entrusted to our care. From the beginning, God's generosity overflowed in creation: light and darkness, seas and dry land, birds and fish, creatures of every kind, and finally humanity, blessed to live in harmony with it all. The first chapter of Genesis resounds with God's refrain: "It is good."

The spiritual *Plenty Good Room* proclaims the same truth. There is space for every creature in God's design, and the table of creation is wide enough to welcome all. Yet we confess that too often, we have lived as if creation is scarce and fragile only because of our own misuse. Pollution, climate change, and exploitation reveal the consequences of a mindset of scarcity – taking without giving, grasping without gratitude.

The Season of Creation calls us back to the truth of abundance. In the great economy of God, there is enough: enough food, enough clean water, enough beauty, enough shelter, if we steward these gifts wisely and share them justly. Creation is not a closed system of competition, but a community of interdependence, where every part plays its role and thrives in balance.

As stewards, we are called to generosity not just with our money, but with our choices: the way we consume, the way we share, the way we advocate for justice for the earth and its peoples. Every gift we return to God – whether planting a tree, reducing waste, investing in clean energy, or pledging financial support for the mission of the Church – is a testimony that we believe there is plenty good room in God's kingdom for all creation to flourish. [Spanish … we believe that in God's invitation all creation may flourish]

The Season of Creation is a chance to remember that stewardship is not just about sustaining the church, but about sustaining the world that God so loves. Together, may we proclaim with our words, our lives, and our gifts that creation is good, abundant, and holy.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." — Psalm 24:1

For Reflection: What is your role and responsibility in stewarding the Earth for future generations?

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