



Changing Perspectives:
Seeing creation differently

An eco pilgrimage

12th November 2024
6.30pm

We gather in the South Transept and our pilgrimage is introduced.

For our time together we pray:

O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth,
who on the cross through wood and nails
worked the salvation of the world:

Wield well your tools
in this your workshop of prayer;
that we who come to you rough hewn
may by your hand be fashioned
to a truer beauty
and a greater usefulness;
for the honour of your name.

All **Amen.**

We walk in silence to the Nave of the Cathedral:

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reflection

Look & See

Before I set out on my journey,
I sought wisdom in my prayer;
All **And I will search for her until the end.**
From the first blossom to the ripening grape:
All **My heart has delighted in wisdom.**
From my youth I have followed
Wisdom's gentle footprints.
All **And so my feet walk upon the straight path.**
In the footsteps of wisdom I learn understanding,
All **and call on God, who will never abandon me.**

We walk in silence to the High Altar

Isaiah 24: 4-6a

The earth dries up and withers,
the world languishes and withers;
the heavens languish together with the earth.
The earth lies polluted
under its inhabitants;
for they have transgressed laws,
violated the statutes,
broken the everlasting covenant.
Therefore a curse devours the earth,

Reflection

Look & See

In the knowledge that our human frailty
is a gift from you, O God:
All **Open our minds to greater understanding
of each other and of you.**
Open our hearts to greater wisdom in our prayers
and in our actions.
All **Remove from us the fear that keeps us closed
to new encounter.**
Release us from the pain of all that we have done
and failed to do.
All **For we are your people, God,
and we seek to do your will.
Amen.**

We walk in silence to the Ambulatory

Deuteronomy 8. 6-10

Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Reflection

Look & See

O God, your fertile earth
is slowly being stripped of its riches,
All **Open our eyes to see.**
O God, your living waters
are slowly being choked with chemicals,
All **Open our eyes to see.**
O God your clear air
is slowly being filled with pollutants,
All **Open our eyes to see.**
O God your creatures
are slowly dying and your people are suffering,
All **Open our eyes to see.**
God our maker,
so move us by the wonder of your creation,
All **That we repent and care more deeply.**
So move us to grieve the loss of life,
All **That we learn to walk**
with gentle footfall upon your world.

We walk in silence to the Triforium

Matthew 4 v 1, 8-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reflection

Look & See

O God, who called all life into being,
All **The earth, sea and sky are yours.**
Your presence is all around us,
All **Every atom is full of your energy.**
Your Spirit enlivens all who traverse the earth,
All **With her we yearn for justice to be done,**
For creation to be freed from bondage,
All **For the hungry to be fed,**
For captives to be released,
All **For your kingdom of peace to come on earth**

We walk to the back of the Nave

Genesis 1 1-10

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Reflection

Look & See

- The earth does not belong to us
All **We belong to the earth.**
All things are connected and interdependent.
All **Like the blood that unites a family.**
We do not weave the web of life.
All **We are merely a strand in it.**
Whatever we do to the web,
All **We do to ourselves and to our descendants**
Let us give thanks for God's gift of creation.
All **We give thanks that all things**
are held together in Christ.

We gather in silence at the Peace Globe. Those who wish are invited to light candles

God of creation,
we thank you for the wonderful world
you have given us:
help us to see the world through your eyes,
and to work together to return the world
to a place where all life thrives;
where waters run clear and
rain quenches the thirst of our crops;
where the wind brings freshness and changes of weather;
where ice holds back the floods;
where sun and moon continue to light up our lives,
and where the rainbow marks your promise of love
and holds us together in our diversity.
Amen.

Bless to us, O God,
The earth beneath our feet,
Bless to us, O God,
The path whereon we go
Bless to us, O God,
The people whom we meet.
Amen.