

Reflection Saturday Week 31 – 2021

The psalmist declares: *Age to age shall proclaim your works, shall declare your mighty deeds, shall speak of your splendour and glory, tell the tale of your wonderful works.* With the rate at which the world is declining that will not happen for very much longer. Yet, through the pandemic, it was the ability to walk in the countryside that helped keep us sane and discover how splendid and wonderful is our creation. Jesus reminds us that God knows our hearts better than we do. God knows that our deep desire is to protect, heal and nurture creation and God will help us fulfil these deep desires however difficult they may be. We have to respond to this inner voice: the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. In saving the earth we save ourselves and those who come after us, as well as those who are facing death.

Listen to the Cry of the Poor. (*John J. Morris, S.J.*)

Since Christ's death on the cross,
there lives a promise and a hope in our lives.

His spirit prepares us
always anew to go to other shores.

He gives us confidence
to try even the impossible,
to stay alert, to tell the truth
not to break a crushed reed,
not to extinguish a smouldering wick.

He commands us to straighten up, the bent
not to leave the wounded alone
not to dumb a mouth but to listen to the cry of the poor.

God Bless the World

Mighty God, Father of all,
compassionate God, Mother of all,
bless every person I have met,
every face I have seen,
every voice I have heard,
especially those most dear;
bless every city, town and street that I have known,
bless every sight I have seen,
every sound I have heard,
every object I have touched.

In some mysterious way these have all fashioned my life:
all that I am, I have received.

Great God, bless the world.

- **Where** is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
- **What** excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- **Who** was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. . . He brought the house down.

