

## Reflection Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Week Advent 2021

Wisdom declares that the *Road to Hell is paved with good intentions*. The story of the Last Judgement does not mention prayer or worship or ask about loyalty and fidelity to God. At the Last Judgement the question will be about what you have done to help others, especially the poor, the vulnerable, ignored, marginalised and alone. Given the slow collapse of creation around us, we will also be asked how we have helped creation heal itself and cared for it by recycling, reusing, being less wasteful - not an issue in Jesus' time.

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I thought, perhaps, I should explain just why I have no doubt  
that it was God's creativeness that brought this world about.

I only have to look around to know that He is there.

I see and feel and hear Him, that's why I'm so aware.

I see Him in the raindrops that nourish trees and flowers.

I see Him in the rainbows that sometimes follow showers.

I see Him in a mother's love when looking at her child.

So thankful that this miracle is pure and undefiled.

I see Him in the wrinkled face that's seen so many years,  
knowing it was faith in Him that overcame all fears.

I hear Him when a meadowlark trills out its joyful song.

I hear Him when the thunder comes forth so loud and strong.

I see the beauty of Him in the butterflies on wing.

The feathers of the peacock are the colours He can bring.

His strength shows in the mountains and the ever pounding seas.

A kitten's purred affection shows how gentle love can be.

For those who wish to listen, it is played throughout the land.

The symphony of life itself, directed by **His hand**.

*What do you get when you cross a **cat** with a lemon tree? A sour puss!!*

*What type of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree!*

*Why was the cucumber mad? Because it was in a pickle!*