

### Reflection Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Advent 2021

Isaiah believes that the earth is intricately tied up with our deliverance and salvation and rightly so. If we allow the earth to disintegrate around us, as is happening now, we will not live here much longer. It is comforting to hear that, despite knowing Jesus, even John the Baptist was still uncertain about whether Jesus was the Messiah or not. What is even more encouraging is that Jesus does not give his disciples arguments to convince John. He simply tells them to tell John what they have experienced with Jesus. All of us can do this, tell others of our experiences of Jesus including those times when Jesus has seemed to be completely absent. It points us once again to the importance of the Synodal sharing which is helping all of us express our experience of God in our lives more clearly and with greater conviction.

This story speaks of God:-

*One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin ten cent piece left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, when a lovely young woman opened the door, he lost his nerve. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry and so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "My mother taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from my heart." As he left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and people was strengthened.*