

## Reflection Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Week Lent 2022

Before becoming caught up in the debate about worshiping false images in the form of a fiery serpent, isn't the major point in the first reading about being obedient?? This is the point Jesus makes in the Gospel. He says very clearly that he is fulfilling his Father's will in all that he is doing. He made it obvious that he was not doing anything for himself, self-glory or personal status. In fact, he was preaching as he did for the benefit of us all, even those who wanted him dead, for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Lent is our time to assess how we have responded to this precious gift of God, salvation. Donders reminds us that salvation includes the whole universe, the whole of creation. With the planet dying around us, is this the way we wish to thank the Father for all that Jesus has done for us?

One blessing of Covid is to learn how much people love and care for you. Along with all the prayers, it has given me uplifting and reassuring support that reflects the true love of God for me and for you too. I received much advice on what to do and what not to do but it is still up to me to do it. The earth needs only to know that you truly care for it, love it and want it to blossom. It knows how to heal itself; it just wants to know that you want it too.

Living more simply, recycling, reusing, being less wasteful - however small - will always be recognised by the earth. Bless it and it will bless you. It is God's creation after all and, like its creator, it loves you!