

Reflection Thursday Week 33 – 2022

Jesus could very well be addressing us in the Gospel as we continue to ignore his voice calling us to cease destroying the planet.

Despite the economic crisis we face is, conditions we far worse after the last world war; food was scarce and rationed. However, people embraced the situation and worked to help each other through the difficult times and they succeeded. For decades we have been warned to stop using fossil fuels and only now are we making half-hearted efforts to do so. Now the demands are much more radical. Like many in the scriptures, we have not listened to the prophets crying out about the tragic injustice we have caused creation.

From a prayer by Jon Swales

Father of Creation, God of Compassion,
we thank you for the fragile gift of life,
and the beautiful world that you made.
To you be all praise, honour and glory.

Father of Creation, God of Justice,
You called us to love our neighbours,
and tend and keep your cosmic temple.
Yet we have failed.

And done evil in your sight.

In our quest for industrial and technological development,
we have plundered and pillaged this world of yours,
unrestrained capitalism and unfettered consumerism,
building on a history of oppression of the global south,
have brought us to the brink.

We stand at 2 mins to midnight,
and the clock hand of our existential threat moves steadily onwards.
Yet we stand distracted and in denial at this late hour.

Global temperatures rise,
we suffer at 1.1 degrees above pre-industrial temperatures,
sea Levels Rise, extreme weather increases,
increased Migration, climate breakdown acts as a threat multiplier.
Knowing that unless things change, we face a 2-degree climate hell,
of Mass migration, Mass starvation and societal collapse.

Father of Creation, God of Justice,
we pray that world leaders would slam on the brakes of climate breakdown,
that we would avert the worst of what may be,
and adapt to what will be with compassion and justice.

Father of Creation, God of Compassion,
we thank you for the fragile gift of life,
and the beautiful world that you made.

To you be all praise, honour and glory. Amen