

DAY 6

Jeremiah 10:12-16

Mark 16:14-15



Starting Point

We are, today, facing a serious global ecological crisis and the survival of the planet is threatened. The passage from Mark's Gospel reminds us that, after his resurrection, Jesus commissioned the disciples to proclaim the good news to the whole creation. No part of creation is outside God's plan to make all things new. So, Christians are called to promote values which reconcile humankind with all creation. When we join with other people in defence of our common earthly home, we are not just engaging in activism, but we are fulfilling the Lord's command to proclaim to all creation the good news of God's healing and restoring love.

Reflection

Proclaim the good news to all
of creation,
not just to my small part.

Oh God, who made the world,
both body and gift.
Your creation groans.
What have we done?
Land and sea polluted,
death and destruction,
communities gone,
families displaced.
While we sit in comfort.

Your creation groans.
What have we done?
A damaged world,
a broken system.
Upheld by stupidity, destruction,
neglect and greed.
An abuse of God's gift,
while we disconnect.

Where is God's voice,
God's rolling waves of justice?
We too are God's body,
thinking beyond ourselves,
seeing consequences,
listening for the still small voice,
swimming against the tide.

Asking what shall I do?

The Lord of hosts is his name (Jeremiah 10:16)



Air pollution at the edge of Surabaya

Prayer

Loving God,
by whose breath all things came
to be,
we thank you for the world
which manifests your glory,
diversity and beauty.
Grant us the wisdom to walk gently
upon the earth
and to share together your good news
with all creation. Amen

Questions

- Where do you see an abuse of human power, leading to destruction or neglect?
- Where do you see God's justice in the created world?
- Where can we make a difference?

Go and Do (see www.ctbi.org.uk/goanddo)

Wrap up warm, pack a flask and organize a nature walk with the churches in your area. Take it as time to journey together and to reconnect with the natural world of which we are all a part. You could go to a park if you are in the city, or step outdoors if you are in the countryside.

Pray for another way for the world and that we as humanity might work with creation rather than against it. Visit Go and Do to take action in the next stage of the climate justice campaign.