

Season of Creation Second Sunday – September 11, 2022

Introductory Comments

The scriptures of the second Sunday challenge the idolatry of wealth and consumption in today's world while assuring us of God's forgiveness and readiness to welcome our return, what Pope Francis has called our "Integral ecological conversion." And they point us toward the mission that God is offering us despite our past destructive lifestyles.

A reading from Exodus (32:7-11, 13-14)

- The golden calf is an apt symbol for the destructive sinfulness of these times that threatens the planet and all who call it home. What is it that we 'worship' that might disregard and sacrifice poor and marginalized peoples, nature, and the web of life?

Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

R I will rise and go to my Father.

- Can we trust that God will accept our broken and contrite hearts?

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy (1:2-17)

- Paul acknowledges his destructive actions before his conversions but thanks God for God's mercy and that God chose him for mission to show how great God's patience and mercy are for us. Can we acknowledge what we have done to hurt creation? What mission might God be calling us to?

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (15:1-32)

- The Pharisees criticize Jesus because he "welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus does that because his mission is to embody God's love and forgiveness. How do we embody God's love and forgiveness for creation and all marginalized people?

Music Selections – optional

E – Entrance | O – Offertory | C – Communion | D – Dismissal

E – Sing to the Mountains (OCP)

O – For the Beauty of the Earth (Folliet S. Pierpoint)

C – Shepherd Me, O God (GIA)

D – Canticle of the Sun (GIA)