

Season of Creation 2020 Jubilee for Earth

“

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together ... it unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

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- Pope Francis, LS 92

Week 4:

River

River and the Web of Life

Tuning in to each other and to rivers

Be still and feel the presence of God, the presence of pulsing, pulsing through Earth. Be still and feel the pulse of God. Be still and hear the Spirit of God, the Spirit breathing, breathing through Earth. Be still and hear the breath of God. Be still; behold the glory of God, the glory filling, filling this Earth. Be still, behold the face of God. (Words by Norm Habel)

Contemplation: Season of Creation video: River



Reflection and Sharing:

Recall a river place you know and love that is in need of mercy now.

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Lament (adapted from Margie Abbott's Cosmic Sparks, 2020 p98)

Leader: Your Spirit is the life impulse in all things, renewing the barren and healing the wounded, groaning in anticipation of a new creation, stirring a new life born of water and the Spirit.

We call to mind all rivers, especially those of Australia, Papua New Guinea and Aotearoa New Zealand, whose wild flow and purity have been violated.

All: We lament! We have wronged. We are sorry.

Leader: We have polluted our rivers with poisons.

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Leader: We have treated our streams as waste dumps, we have turned living waters into death traps.

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Leader: We have diverted, clogged, dammed, and pumped wild rivers for our human convenience.

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A moment of silent contemplation...

Responding:

Find out about the river, creek or stream closest to you and trace its course on a map. Who are the community groups caring for this river, creek or stream? How can I support them?