



# Pathways: Hope for the Journey

## 2nd Sunday Advent C - 6 December 2015

### REJOICE

#### Delivered from Chains, Ps 125

##### Prayer Points

*The Son makes the night radiant*

*Judge wisely the things of earth*

*Put on the beauty of God*

*The name of God gives life*

*Walk in safety, in the forest shade*

*Finish the good work begun in you*

*Love as Christ Jesus*

##### United Nations

Pope Francis addressed the UN: *I pay homage to all those men and women whose loyalty and self-sacrifice have benefitted humanity as a whole in these past seventy years. He went on to say, we human beings are part of the environment ... (but) a selfish and boundless thirst for power and material prosperity leads both to the misuse of available natural resources and to the exclusion of the weak and disadvantaged.* [ZENIT.org](http://ZENIT.org) 25.09.2015

***The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward, with us and through us, towards a common point of arrival, which is God***

*Laudato Si'*, #83

##### Laudato Si' - Themes

- The poor and the planet are fragile
- All in the world is connected
- Beware of the power of Technology
- Seek other ways to understand the economy
- Each creature has its own value
- The human meaning of ecology
- The need for forthright and honest debate
- The need for International and local policies
- The throw-away culture and lifestyle.

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##### Prayers of the Faithful

- Ever active God who does great things, may our greed not impede your ways. Deliver us from the chains of self-centred thinking.
- Lord, you want to finish the work you have begun in us. Guide each of us to repent of our harmful choices.
- Lord, in both ancient and modern times you have sent prophets to prepare the way. May we be open to look for them.
- Lord, you wish that all life be saved. Help us to recognise the works for good you are doing in our day.

##### Profile

Julian Tenison Woods, prominent in Australian Church history for helping Mother Mary McKillop found the Josephite Sisters, was a writer on natural history. Born in London, walking in the Jersey forests, and working on a newspaper, he learnt many sides of life. A migrant to Australia he was ordained in 1857 then appointed the first parish priest at Penola. Travelling on horseback between churches, in the contemplative silence of the bush he wrote scientific articles on local geology. He combined pastoral care for people with knowledge of the social and ecological issues of his time.

##### Action

- Read "Symphony of Life, Julian Tenison Woods," published by Sisters of St Joseph, North Sydney. <https://goo.gl/kMkXdL>
- Read "Jesus and the Natural World," Denis Edwards. [www.garrattpublishing.com.au/](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/)

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