Pathways: Hope for the Journey

3rd Sunday Advent C - 13 December 2015

DRAW FROM GOD

Water from the Well, Is 12:2-6

Prayers Points

Look forward to Christ's birth
The father is faithful to promises
The earth rejoices, prepare our hearts
Have no fear, dance
God wants you to be happy,
When you have a need, pray for it
The peace of God guards your thoughts

Year of Mercy 2016

Two Scriptural words for mercy are *hesed* and *rahamim* – the loving kindness of God and the love welling up from the gut. "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Luke chapter 15 has three parables about mercy. In this spirit Pope Francis invites us to extend mercy to all in the Year of Mercy 2016.

Scriptural Reflection

The Weekday Scripture Readings 17-24 December are taken mainly from the Prophets and the Gospel of Luke. Judah will be blessed with peace culminating with the birth of Jesus who is called the Christ, son of Mary and Joseph. He will be a sign rising from the House of David, born of God and announced by the John the Baptist. Sing praise, for God has visited his People. What does it mean for the world that God came among us?

Saint Francis shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.

Laudato Si' , #10

Prayers of Faithful

- You have blessed us Lord with a desire for you. May we be restless and unwavering in our search, expectant that we will find.
- Great Holy One, We are blessed by your presence among us. May we be happy to recognise you wherever you reveal yourself.
- Like your disciples Lord, you have raised up leaders in our parish. May we be one in serving your call to mission in word and deed.
- Lord you gave your People Israel the promise of a peaceful land to dwell in. May we welcome those who have no country of their own.

Profile

Sr Mary Tinney is a Sister of Mercy who leads Earth Link in Brisbane. It is a community which envisions a world where there is respect, reverence and care for the whole Earth community. Showing Mercy reveals the 'kindness of God' in schools and hospitals, outreach to the marginalised and those suffering, or love for the natural world – an integral package which embraces care for all that exists in God's creation. http://www.earth-link.org.au/

Action

- Give Christmas cards made by the indigenous Subanen people of the Philippines. http://goo.gl/B4hXW3
- Take contemplative time out to recognise God revealed in your special place.