

Introduction:

The liturgy today shows us why we need to focus – focus our hearts and focus on what we want to do with our lives.

The Church today celebrates Justice Sunday, the theme being, “A Call for Climate Justice and the Common Home: Ecological conversion, transformation and resistance to false solutions”

First Reading: Is 66:18-21
Psalms: Ps 117:1, 2
Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: On this Justice Sunday we bring our petitions to the Lord, praying that the Lord of all creation may enlighten and help us all. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Response: Abba Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, Bishops, priests and religious that they may keep up their commitment to protect Mother earth by influencing policies for a better environment.

We pray for our local leaders, that they may see the folly of development, where natural resources are depleted and cannot be replaced.

We pray for Equity, Justice and Protection. Equity where Rich nations pay their ecological debt with fair climate finance without further indebting the Global South. Protection- where we may be able to defend indigenous peoples, ecosystems and impoverished communities.

We pray that our parish communities may prioritise people's well-being and ensure conditions for sustainable life on the planet.

Celebrant:

God Our Heavenly Father, along with our prayers we bring to you our wounded earth, asking you to restore it to its original beauty and splendour. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.