## LAUDATE DEUM "Praise God"

An Apostolic Exhortation

from Pope Francis

# Framework of **Praise**

"Praise God for all [God's] Creatures" (Saint Francis)

In between: 8 years of worsening climate conditions coupled with inadequate international efforts

"Praise God" .... "For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

### **Kyrie eleison**

## Psalm 148: The Roll Call of Praise

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;** praise the LORD in the heights! Praise the LORD, all God's angels; praise the LORD, all God's host! Praise the LORD, sun and moon; praise the LORD, all you shining stars! Praise the LORD, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for the LORD commanded and they were created.

# Psalm 148: The Roll Call of Praise

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

# Psalm 148: The Roll Call of Praise

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

# An Ecology of Praise!

### The Most Intersectional Text of the Bible

Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel; for the LORD has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land.

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Therefore, the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing.

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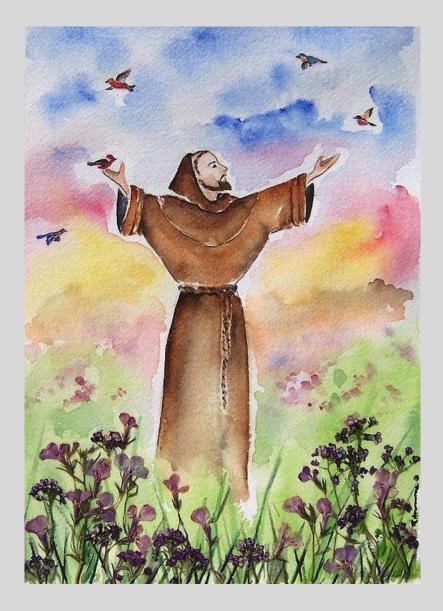
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## Colossians 1:21-23

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [Christ] has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before [God]–provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.





## **Good News to the Earth**

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD is doing great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are becoming green; the tree is bearing its fruit, the fig tree and vine are giving their full yield.

Joel 2:21-22

Laudate Deum Noli timere!