

The Mysticism of Laudato Si' 25

THE PASSION OF SISTER EARTH TODAY (2)

The Sorrowful Way

'Dear Lord, a few brave people tried to comfort you in your Passion—your Mother and other women, Simon from Cyrene... Would I have risked being with them? The pope says: *'Injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable... This is a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters'* (158). Let me protest on behalf of those who are being cruelly treated.'

The Crucifixion

'Lord, I gaze on you as you hang on your Cross. Teach me how I can help to take even one person down from their cross today. The pope says: *'Food thrown out is stolen from the table of the poor* (50). *Purchasing is always a moral act, not simply an economic one'* (206). I can start here!'

The Vigil at the Tomb

'Lord, it is Holy Saturday, and all is over. My soul is numb, but let me take my stance with Mary who still cares for us and our world. As a good mother, she keeps vigil and doesn't know what it means to give up. The pope says: *'Mary now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures we have laid waste'* (241). Let me keep vigil with her and intercede for all who kill our sources of life.'

The Resurrection

'Dear Lord, Easter has arrived, with its message of lasting hope and joy. Glory is our destiny in a transfigured creation, where weeping and mourning will be ended forever and all creation will be reconciled. The pope says: *'Mary, completely transfigured, now lives with Jesus. In her glorified body part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She now understands the meaning of all things'* (241). I ask her to share with me 'the meaning of all things' so that I may learn that no speck of creation is meaningless. May I work for your world in the hope that you will make all things new and restore to even greater beauty the masterpiece of creation which we have disfigured.'

