



COP 27 November 17th Reflections

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Rev. 5:1-10

Ps 149:1B-2,3-4,5-6A and9B

Lk 19:41-44

“Worthy are you to receive the scroll and break open its seals, for you were slain and with your Blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.”

Today we celebrate an extraordinary young woman who shared her wealth with the poor and homeless.

Elizabeth of Hungary is truly a model for all of us. She invites us to share what we have with those who do not. In some ways, I think Elizabeth would have also been a Climate Activist. She saw what the people needed. I believe she would have seen the same challenge before her as before us to bring about the healing of our common home, Earth. We are concluding COP 27. The conference is struggling with the modern-day issue of global warming and if we are willing to commit to our common home. It is not only up to our governments, but it is up to us as well to work for 1.5-degree goal to mitigate climate Change.

Here are some practical things you and I can do to reverence Earth, our common home and in a way walk in the footsteps of Elizabeth of Hungary. Earth is our common home. Imagine a zero-waste society-what's stopping us?

1. Make your voice heard by those in power
2. Eat less meat and dairy
3. Cut back on flying

4. Leave the car at home
5. Reduce your energy use, and bills
6. Respect and protect green spaces
7. Invest your money responsibly
8. Cut consumption-and waste
9. Talk about the changes you make

Let us pray and work for a healthy environment for all, especially future generations.

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