

Season of Creation 2024

To Hope and Act with Creation

These are the audio recordings, presentation slides and references for the [Season of Creation](#) event hosted by Port Moody Laudato Si' Circle.

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2024 (The eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) at 7pm-9pm
Venue: Catholic Church of St. Clare of Assisi

There were three Speakers:

1. Catherine Ho: Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Mark Norbury: To Hope with Creation
3. Fiona Koza: To Act with Creation and the Sue Big Oil Campaign

These were followed by group discussions

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Welcome and Opening Prayer – Catherine Ho

[Audio recording](#)

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To Hope with Creation – Mark Norbury

This is in three parts.

- Part 1 is a short introduction.
- Then the Laudate Deum Video.
- Part 2 is the main content.

Part 1

[Audio Recording](#)

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Reference:

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 217)

Laudate Deum video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwe_bd0TUjk

Part 2

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References:

“For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”.

For “to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God.”

(Patriarch Bartholomew, 1997, Pope Francis, Laudato Si’(8), 2015)

“May the mountains bring forth peace for the people and hills, justice. May He defend the poor of the people and save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

In His days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

For He shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.”

(Psalm 71(72)v3,4,7,12,13)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they shall be satisfied.”

(Matthew 5v6)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love.

(1 Corinthians 13v13)

Let us exult too in our hardships, understanding that hardship develops perseverance, and perseverance develops a tested character, something that gives us hope, and a hope which will not let us down.

(Romans 5v5)

The necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed. (Paragraph 55)

The transition to renewable forms of energy, [is] capable of generating countless jobs in different sectors. This demands that politicians and business leaders should even now be concerning themselves with it. (Paragraph 10)

(Pope Francis, Laudate Deum, 2023)

To Act with Creation – Fiona Koza

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Reference:

<https://suebigoil.ca>

Group Discussions

Four Conversation Café style group discussions took place, with each group tackling two questions. Here are the resultant eight questions and answers.

[Question 1](#)

[Question 2](#)

[Question 3](#)

[Question 4](#)

[Question 5](#)

[Question 6](#)

[Question 7](#)

[Question 8](#)