

"The day of rest,
centred on the Eucharist,
sheds it light on the whole week,
and motivates us
to greater concern
for nature and the poor."

(LS 237)

The Eucharist -
Thankgiving of creation



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THE EUCHARIST – THE GREAT THANKSGIVING OF CREATION

Vatican Council spoke of the Eucharist as celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus, as the sign of the unity of the church and as the summit of christian life. Pope Francis enriches our understanding of the mystery of faith through an unusual aspect that reminds us of Teilhard de Chardin: the Eucharist as an act of cosmic love that embraces and penetrates the whole of creation. Some texts from Laudato Si:

It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. ... it is the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life.

Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: “Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world”. The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation.

The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration...

Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. (236)

Prayer

*Through him , with him , in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.*