

Sunday Three – Season of Creation

Year A, Proper 19

Exodus 15:1b-2, 9-10, 21b

Father God,
we do not seek the destruction of our human enemies.

We seek rather the destruction of evil itself –
of greed and selfishness,
of the desire to dominate.

Lord Jesus,
in your cross and resurrection
you triumphed over death and evil.

You disarmed the principalities and powers
and made a public spectacle of them.

And so nothing can now separate us
from the love of God.

You have made us more than conquerors.

And yet we act as if that is not enough.

We want more;
we seek control and dominance.

We put our desires and appetites
above others' needs.

We claim exclusive control
of the bounty you created for sharing.

We devastate your good creation
for our material gain.

We threaten the life of all
through the impact of our emissions on the climate,
through actions which cause species to go extinct,
through pollution of land, water and air,
and through our drive for endless growth.

There is both good and evil in all people
and there is both good and evil in us.

Help us to repent of the evil
and uphold the good.

Forgive us, Lord, and transform us.

Philippians 2:5-11

Amen.