



Segment 3: Presence Creating a Living Cosmic Advent Wreath



Moment One ~ Birth of the Universe

"God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good" (Gen 1:3-4).

"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established" (Ps 8:3).

What sadness do I feel when I imagine the universe, the cosmos which God created with such love?

What joy do I feel?

What is my dream born out of love for God's created universe?



Write down the sadness, the joy, the dream for Moment One

Moment Two ~ Birth of the Solar System

"O God, you established the luminaries and the sun; you have fixed all the bounds of Earth; you made summer and winter" (Ps 74:16-17).

"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and Earth" (Gen 9:13).

What sadness do I feel when I imagine Earth which God created with such love?

What joy do I feel when I gaze upon our common home?

What is my dream born out of the covenant between God and Earth?



Write down the sadness, the joy, the dream for Moment Two



Write down the joy of your hope for Moment Five

Moment Four ~ My Birth into the Whole Cosmic Body of the Universe

"For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps 139:13-14).

"Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of Earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you" (Job 12:7-8)

What sadness do I feel when I imagine the realities facing all Earth's creatures in this time?

What joy do I feel?

What is my dream born out of an awareness of the sacred communion of all creation?



Write down the sadness, the joy, the dream for Moment Four



Write down the sadness, the joy, the dream for Moment Three

Moment Five ~ All is One

"In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God, for 'if the world has a beginning and if it has been created, we must enquire who gave it this beginning, and who was its Creator.' Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (Laudato Si', 244).

What is the joy of my hope as I ponder this living Cosmic Advent Wreath which I have created?

Moment Three ~ Birth of Jesus the Christ

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:1, 14).

"Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on Earth were created" (Col 1:15-16).

What sadness do I feel when I imagine the presence of the loving Christ, suffering still with all creation?

What joy do I feel?

What is my dream born out of love for the Christ who chose to be one of us, who chooses to be one of us?