



## Sixth Week of Lent - Laudato Si Goal #6

### Ecological Spirituality

*“The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast. For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion.”*

Laudato Si #217

READ: Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28 - 40)

REFLECTION: Jesus entered Jerusalem to a welcoming multitude of disciples who were praising God aloud with joy. While this exuberance could hardly be contained, before long these joyful shouts would become violent ones. What type of spirituality would allow such an about-face? What type of spirituality allows *our* praise of God on the one-hand and our violence towards Creation on the other? Pope Francis calls us in *Laudato Si* to a social transformation made possible only with an *ecological* spirituality. Such a spirituality perceives God “in all things” and matters of the Spirit are not disassociated from that which is Earthy. This Holy week and beyond: may we have mercy upon all as we implore the Lord's mercy. May our growing sense of compassion evoke authentic ecological conversion.



*Photo by Fr. Jim Brobst, OMI*

ACTION: Stretch your spirituality to the “eco” in this last week of Lent. On Good Friday participate in the [Virtual Way of the Cross for Economic and Ecological Justice](#).

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
...Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

(LS #246 closing prayer)