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Based on the gospel for 14 November, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mark 13:24-32

"The sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness."

As the end of the liturgical year draws near, we are reminded that Judgement Day approaches when the Son of Man will call us to account for how we have lived our lives.

Jesus' apocalyptic language, describing the end times, echoes that of the prophets: "the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness..." Signs of disorder in Creation herald the end and come as a warning to us to prepare ourselves and change our lives.

And in our world today signs of disorder in Creation are symptomatic of the need to make changes. Floods, storms, heatwaves, desertification, decreasing biodiversity are linked to overconsumption, excessive burning of fossil fuels, pollution, deforestation, denial of land rights, exploitation, poverty, inequalities and conflicts.

Faced with such global problems, we must not give up hope, but do what we can to live more simply and campaign for change. As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si*: "All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

Now is the time to put ourselves in right relationship with God, our neighbour and indeed all Creation. Now is the time for change before it is too late.

Father,
Lord of the Earth,
empower us with your grace
that we may reorder our lives
for the good of all Creation.
Amen.



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