

PRECES & BLESSING OF OUR COMMON HOME

Blessing of Water – sound singing bowl and sprinkle water for each response

Response: *Let Justice roll like a river...*

With gratitude for the life-giving blessing of Water covering 3/4 of our planet – May we recognize our responsibility to assure equitable access to clean water for all. *Let Justice roll like a river...*

With solicitude for the sacred 3% of Earth's Waters that are Fresh – May we preserve our Lakes, Rivers and Streams, restore the waters contaminated by industrial dumping, chemical runoff and mining, and protect those targeted for their defense of the waterways of their communities. *Let Justice roll like a river...*

With reverence for Seas, Oceans and Ice Caps, and compunction for the oil spills, islands of plastic, and rising temperatures which jeopardize the health and habitat of marine life and coastal communities. May we harvest the seas sustainably, reduce pollution and slow global warming, and conscientiously address those impacted by rising sea levels. *Let Justice roll like a river...*

With compassion and solidarity for all in our Common Home facing water crises, whether from shortages, diseases or drought, from hurricanes or floods, or changing weather patterns which threaten their livelihoods from fishing or agriculture – May consideration of the common good inspire creative and resilient responses. *Let Justice roll like a river...*

With respect for the wisdom of indigenous peoples who live in harmony with Earth, Sky & Water and all creatures – May their communal rights to land and water may respected, and may all who are displaced from their homelands, especially those in danger at sea, find welcome on safe shores. *Let Justice roll like a river...*

May the Living Water of God's Love springing up in our hearts flow out to the world, and ... *Let Justice roll like a river...*