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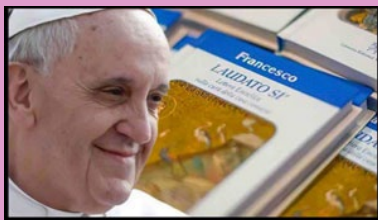
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## LENT 2023

### April 2



### **Philippians 2: 6-11** **Reading 2, Philippians 2:6-11**

Who, being in the form of God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped.

Pope Francis says The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us.

**Pope Francis' Letter  
Laudato Si'  
"Care of our Common Home"**

**Watch**

**Now:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>



Do you have a compost bin? If not, consider creating one or researching compost options in your community. Food waste in landfills produces methane which, in its first two decades, is 84 times for potent than carbon dioxide.

But he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a human being, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. And for this God raised him high, and gave him the name which is above all other names; so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Dear Friends,

This week ends with Jesus claiming to be one with God (John 10: 31-42) the dialogue between Jesus and his critics moves the fourth Gospel to its central theme: Jesus is the divine messenger sent to save the world. He will be "lifted up" meaning both crucified and glorified, as the ultimate revelation of God's unconditional love for a sinful world. In our own simple way we try to imitate and replicate the presence of God. Random acts of kindness helps us renew Faith for many alone and forgotten as well as ourselves! Watch and enjoy. <https://youtu.be/kcG7oN2a6Ow> We do what we can.

This Lent we awaken in ourselves, with prodding from Pope Francis and Laudato Si", our understanding and our responsibility for our Earth. Our human actions, interactions and behaviors have unfolded a crisis of Creation. Our prayer, conversations and interactions going forward can heal and encourage new life and re-create health for our World.

EarthBeat, a product from the LaudatoSi' Education movement helps us to modify our life behavior for Care of our Common Home as we move from Lent to the joyous celebration of Easter.



[EarthBeat Weekly: How your Lenten sacrifice can mitigate climate change](#)

Please conclude our Lenten journey and join in singing, with Straalen McCallum, Hallelyjah by Leonard Cohen  
<https://youtu.be/hPxUISgWjEw>

[We are grateful for your presence and support in this great mission.](#)

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