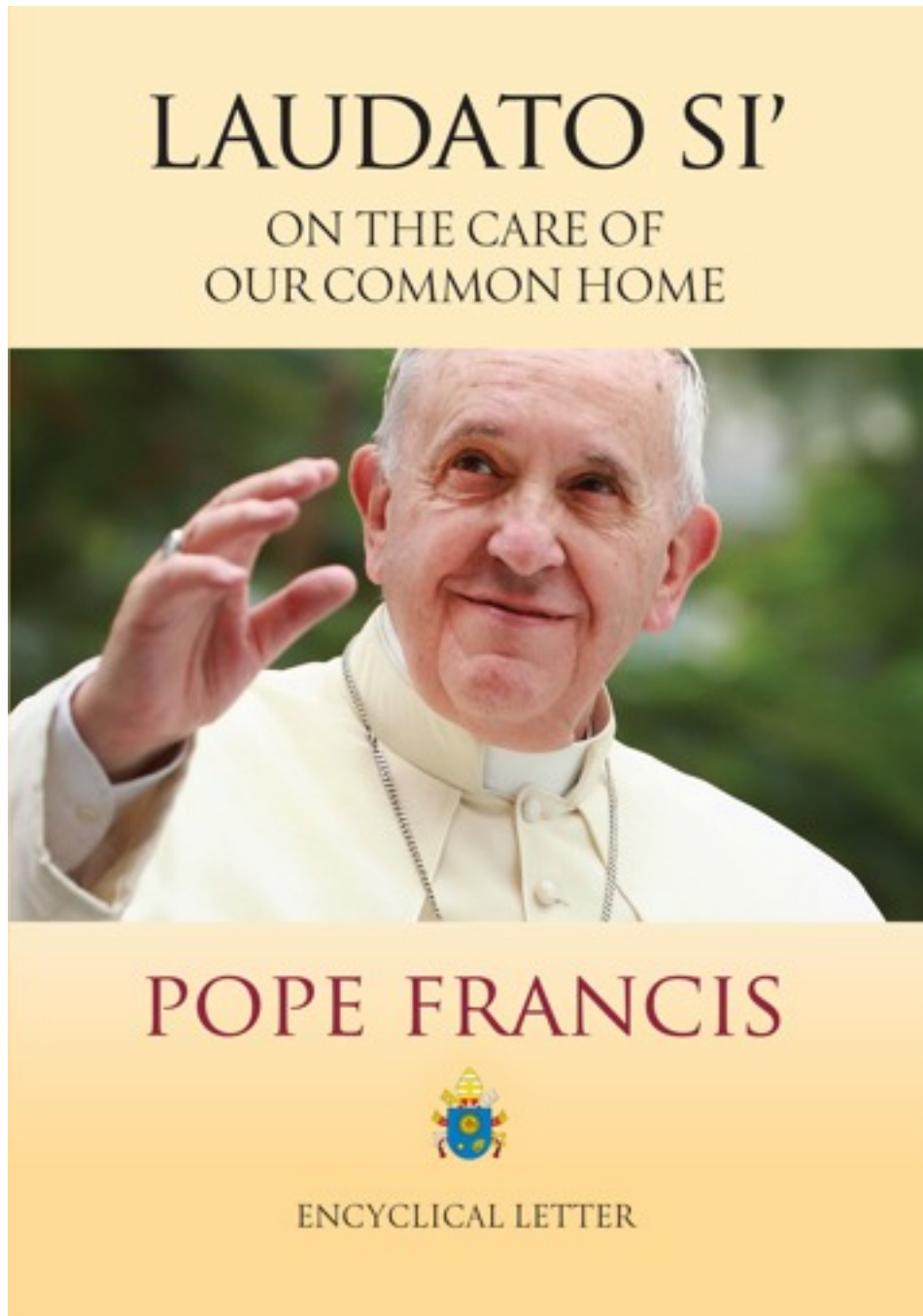


**LAUDATO SI', SIGNORE:  
MASS FOR THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION**



*"I urgently appeal . . . for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." (# 14)*  
*(Pope Francis, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home)*

## I. ENTRANCE SONG:



### **IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH**

God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning,  
All was formless and void, chaos in the darkness reigning,  
Then God said, "Let there be light," out of nothing creating  
The universe in a singularity of absolute silence exploding  
Gravity and energy, matter and atoms quantum-leaping  
Billions of galaxies through boundless space-time hurtling.

Planets formed around solar systems, Earth came to being  
Like a blue marble in the vastness of the cosmos revolving  
Mountains, oceans and islands forming, continents drifting  
Springs and rivers out of rocks gushing, life-forms emerging  
Every living thing, all kinds of plants and animals, diverging  
Then becoming more complex, more conscious, converging.

Refrain:        In the beginning, the Word divine and Father uniting  
                    With life-giving Spirit, this universe as one creating.  
                    Jesus the Christ, Word-made-flesh, all things redeeming  
                    Alpha and Omega, history's beginning and its ending.

Human beings, upright, self-conscious tool-makers, evolving  
Making use of speech and reason, symbol-users, thinking  
Their lives intimately linked with the biosphere, surviving  
In delicately balanced ecosystems, through history prevailing  
For mystery and meaning endlessly, mindfully, ever seeking  
For joy without end, their destiny to live forever yearning.

**II. LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**III. GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

**IV. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA**

**V. PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS:**



**PRAISED BE YOU, O LORD, FOR YOUR CREATION**

We are stardust - iron in our blood, calcium in our bones,  
Oxygen and hydrogen in water, the minerals in stones  
Forged in giant stars exploding billions of years ago  
We are one with the universe, Father, you willed it so  
Laudato Si', triune God of all becoming.

For Your gift of redemption, Christ, King of creation,  
Blessed are You, Author of the world's salvation,  
Journeying in time and space as Your pilgrim people  
Unworthy though we are, You invite us to your table  
Laudato Si', triune God of all becoming.

We thank you, life-giving Spirit, for your creative power  
Toiling the earth together as sower, vintner and farmer  
We produce bread from wheat and wine from the vine  
Renew the face of the earth, O Spirit of love divine,  
Laudato Si', triune God of all becoming.

Refrain:

Together with the stars and galaxies and the being of all  
Unite us all, O Lord, with what we offer at Your table.  
May all the poor who hunger for the bread of life be fed  
For those who thirst, the wine might fill their spirit's need.

Make us one, O Lord, with creation and with each other  
Help us all to recognize the Earth as sister and mother  
Through the connection of human life and of all creation  
You give us a foretaste of our future heavenly union  
Laudato Si', triune God of all becoming.

## **VI. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

## **VII. LAMB OF GOD**

## **VIII. COMMUNION SONG:**



### **CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

Glaciers melting, typhoons raging, oceans surging  
Deadly heat rising, cities flooding, forests burning,  
Chemicals in food and water, all cancer-causing  
Piles of filth, children dying, and climate changing.

The rich and powerful become earth's lords and masters  
Children and the poor suffer most from global disasters,  
Ravaged earth and wasted lives joined one to each other  
Groans of earth are those of our forsaken sister or brother.

Refrain:

Come, listen to the cry of Mother Earth and the cry of the poor  
One in the Eucharist as the evolving universe's living core  
Receive the grace to feel deeply joined to everything that is  
Caring for our common home, working for justice and peace.

Say no! to a ravaged earth for unborn generations to inherit  
A plundered planet, degraded ecosystems they do not merit  
Do with less and live simply that others might simply live.  
A just, peaceful and sustainable world the heritage we leave.

## **XI. RECESSIONAL HYMN:**



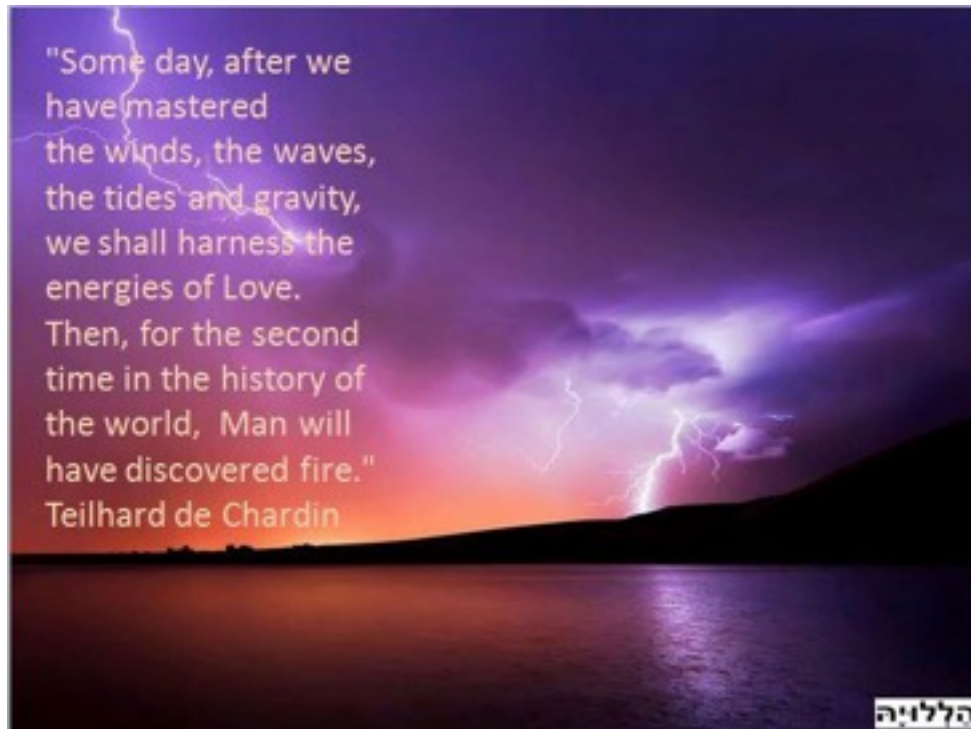
### **Building the Earth with the God of the Future**

The Spirit of a new creation beckons to us at last  
To unify human forces, break our way out of the past  
The universe is calling us to run towards the future  
The integrity of creation, peace and justice to nurture.

We must lead Creation to deeper synthesis and unity  
Be all that we can be in Integrity, flourish in Solidarity  
To gain greater Creativity in a universe converging  
A world of justice, peace and love for all, creating.

Refrain:       Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and created we shall be  
                  Renew the face of the earth, and your grace will set us free  
                  Draw the world towards greater communion and freedom  
                  Raise up a world according to the vision of Your Kingdom.

We focus our networked human energy in the quest  
To provide opportunities for each one to be her best  
And face global poverty, global conflict, global warming  
Converging in Christ as Center, to the future evolving.



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