

Salt – Light – Hope

reflections and care for those who serve in pandemic
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Lest a rock cry out in my place, I lift my whole life in praise

--From *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

Let us show Jesus honor, now with olive branches,
but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another

--Andrew of Crete

Let your yes be yes and your no be no

Let your yes be seen in your doing

Let your no be not-doing

If you say yes, but do-not-do, it is no

So, forget all your talk

Tell me by what you do

--Padraig O'Tuama

When the Sacred arrives
Whether riding on a donkey
Or in the rising of the sun
Or in the homeless one who stumble across our way
We are called to praise
It is not so much that we are called to lift our voices In joyful Psalms Or wave branches
It is more that our souls are enlivened
The embers of devotion and love stirred
By the divine wind
Until they flame out
And we live God's praise

Through acts of tender mercy

This is our yes
Our yes to Sacred, to Love
Our acts of compassion
And generosity
And inclusion

This is our no
Our holding back those words of anger
Our refusal to abuse
Or hoard
Or exclude

We are Sacred Children
created, as is all creation
for praise of the creator
lest a rock cry out in our place
let us live our whole life in praise

--Stephen Paul Kliewer

Please pray with me:

Eternal God,

Your realm has broken into our troubled world
through the Life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen and amen.