

## Personal Notes

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David Potter writes that “Arius (250 or 256-336) preached a strongly anti-monarchian theology and monarchian theology had become dominant at Alexandria in Diocletian’s time (244-312)”<sup>1</sup> and is embedded in the Nicene Creed, said at Mass every Sunday. Despite that monarchian theology, Pope Pius XI instituted this feast of Christ the King for the universal Church only in 1924.<sup>2</sup> Arius taught that Jesus lacked a fully divine nature. This approach to creation meant that humans were destined to control, rather than be part of nature. That attitude is changing.

Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, writes, “In my view this (*“Laudato Si”*) is the most important encyclical ever written in the history of the Catholic Church.” Elizabeth Johnson thinks it is about time to accept pain, death, and suffering as part of creation, something necessary and a sign of the love of God. Johnson focuses on the Nicene Creed and Charles Darwin, the Origin of the Species. The title for my Western Civilization notes is From Adam to Atom, in other words human understanding of creation begins with Adam and ends with modern scientific findings, represented by Atom. So far, I have not been impressed with “Laudato Si.” Others are impressed, however.

Reducing theory to practice, Thomas Hughson, S.J., writes, “Is there not potential for some local ecumenical collaboration, a pilot project perhaps, in reevangelizing that hearkens to people’s green experience of nature and ecological convictions made possible by a secular context, that enters dialogue with them and respectfully offers them an interpretative religious word of Christian belief in God the Creator?” That makes sense.

Broaden the idea so that whenever anyone learns anything about created things, one learns something about the Creator. No one goes to college to learn about God. Hmm. The notion of coming to college to learn about the Creator might be conducive to reposting ungrammatical college mission statements into better American English—and to reach out to the so-called secular society.

In the meantime, the Faithful can pray with the Responsorial Antiphon, [Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord](#) (Psalm 122: cf. 1). That house is not only a physical place, but more importantly, is where God resides in the souls of the Faithful.

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## Readings

First Reading:	2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (cf. 1)
Second Reading:	Colossians 1:12-20
Alleluia:	Mark 11:9, 10
Gospel:	Luke 23:35-43

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<sup>1</sup> David Potter, Constantine the Emperor (Oxford: oxford University Press, 2013) 226.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.google.com/search?q=Feast+of+Christ+the+King&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&client=firefox-a&rlz=1R1GGLL\\_en](http://www.google.com/search?q=Feast+of+Christ+the+King&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&client=firefox-a&rlz=1R1GGLL_en) (Accessed September 7, 2010).

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Musings above the solid line draw from material below. Those disinterested in scholarly and tangential details should stop reading here. If they do, however, they may miss some interesting prayer-provoking details.

### **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

2 Samuel 5:1-10

Derek Cooper and Martin J. Lohrmann, (editors), "Overview"<sup>3</sup>

2 Samuel 5:1-3<sup>4</sup>

Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558)

Andrew Willet (1562-1621)

Peter Martyr Vermigli (1499-1562)

Bugenhagen

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Bugenhagen

Johann Gerhard (1582-1637)

Henry Airay (c. 1560-1616)

2 Samuel 5:2

Andrew Willet<sup>5</sup>

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### **Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (cf. 1)**

Psalm 122 is one of the Funerals choices, Part III: Texts of Sacred Scripture, 16.11 Antiphons and Psalms.<sup>6</sup>

Psalm 122:5

Gianni Barbiero, "Psalm 132: A Prayer of `Solomon'"<sup>7</sup>

### **Colossians 1:12-20**

Colossians 1:11-12

Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563)<sup>8</sup>

Colossians 1:11-14

Calvin<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> International Commission on English in the Liturgy: A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences, The Roman Ritual: Revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by Authority of Pope Paul IV: Order of Christian Funerals: Including Appendix 2: Cremation: Approved for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (New Jersey: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1998) 289.

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Colossians 1:12  
John Bunyan (1628-1688)<sup>10</sup>

Colossians 1:13-14  
Rudolf Gwalther (1519-1586)<sup>11</sup>

Colossians 1:13  
Justus Jonas (1493-1555)<sup>12</sup>

Colossians 1:13  
Musculus<sup>13</sup>

Colossians 1:13  
Martin Luther (1483-1546)<sup>14</sup>

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Colossians 1:13, 18, 20

Martin Bucer, "How to Live for Others and Not for Oneself, 1523"<sup>15</sup>

Col 1:14-15

Max Botner, "The Role of Transcriptional Probability in the Next-Critical Debate on Mark 1:1"<sup>16</sup>

Colossians 1:15-20

Luther<sup>17</sup>

Col 1:15-20

Vincent M. Smiles, review of William P. Brown, Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World<sup>18</sup>

*Wonder* means wonderful. Smiles reports that as good as Brown is, he neglects "texts of violence, those that repel modern readers and foster the very opposite of wonder."

Colossians 1:15-17

Martin Bucer (1491-1551)<sup>19</sup>

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Colossians 1:15, 20  
Dirk Philips (1504-1568)<sup>20</sup>

Col 1:15  
Thomas Hughson, S.J., "Creation as an Ecumenical Problem: Renewed belief through Green Experience"<sup>21</sup>  
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Colossians 1:15  
Brenz<sup>22</sup>

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Colossians 1:15<sup>23</sup>

Musculus

Bucer

Musculus

Colossians 1:16-17

Musculus<sup>24</sup>

Colossians 1:16

Heinrich Bullinger (1504-1575)<sup>25</sup>

Col 1:16

Denis Edwards, “‘Sublime Communion’: The Theology of the Natural World in Laudato Si’”<sup>26</sup>

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Col 1:18

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer, "The Unity of Salvation: Divine Missions, the Church, and World Religions"<sup>27</sup>

Col 1:18

Harold W. Attridge, review of Rosemary Canavan, Clothing the Body of Christ at Colossae<sup>28</sup>

Col 1:18

Brian D. Robinette, "Does Darwin Have a Future? Pain, Suffering, and Death at Eastertide"<sup>29</sup>

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Colossians 1:18<sup>30</sup>

Bugenhagen

Johannes Piscator (1546-1625)

Colossians 1:18

Kevin W. Irwin, The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology<sup>31</sup>

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Col 1:19

Joseph A. Bracken, S.J., "Incarnation, Panentheism, and Bodily Resurrection: A Systems-Oriented Approach"<sup>32</sup>

Colossians 1:20

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel<sup>33</sup>

## **Mark 11:9, 10**

## **Luke 23:35-43**

This reading is available for funerals.<sup>34</sup>

Luke 23:35-43<sup>35</sup>

Miles Coverdale (1488-1586)

Heinrich Salmuth (1522-1576)

Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg (1633-1694)

Huldrych Zwingli (1484-1531)

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Augustin Marlorat (c. 1506-1562)

Calvin

Edward Leigh (1602-1671)

Bullinger

John Donne (1572-1631)

Bullinger

William Fenner (1600-1640)

The English Annotations (1645, 1651, 1657)  
Marlorat

Donne

Luke 23:40  
Donne<sup>36</sup>

Luke 23:42  
English Annotations<sup>37</sup>

Luke 23:43  
Johannes Brenz (1499-1570)<sup>38</sup>

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Luke 23:43

Urbanus Rhegius, "Apothecary of the Soul for the Healthy and the Sick in These Dangerous Times, 1529"<sup>39</sup>

Luke 23:44

Brenz<sup>40</sup>

Luke 23:39-43

Musculus<sup>41</sup>

For more on sources see the Appendix file. A complete set of Personal Notes, dating from the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2002 to the present, is on the web site at [www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes](http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes).

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The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord](#) (Psalm 122 (cf. 1)).<sup>42</sup>

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion”<sup>43</sup> and pray about the need to be earth-friendly. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1610 Missal: Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 121125.pdf/htm at <http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes/Personal%20Notes.htm>.

This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists bring to mind with And he shewed me a pure river (versus Flint, Michigan) of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22:1).<sup>44</sup>

### Addenda

I am finishing these Notes Tuesday, October 25, 2016, anticipating the election of either Hillary Rodham Clinton or Donald Trump as President of the United States. Polls show that evangelical religious, value oriented people are a main component of support for Donald Trump. My heart aches that the Catholic hierarchy is tellingly silent rather than supporting the Catholic candidate for the Vice Presidency, Tim Kane. To my

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Paul VI: Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition: Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988) 983-984. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

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mind, Catholic theology of Christ the King is far more sound and viable than the evangelical theology that supports Trump and his evangelical vice president, Mike Pence. The important thing is getting the religious values correct, over and above getting political values correct.

I have already read every article cited in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. At this stage I only read unread book reviews there. Traditionally Theological Studies articles have been more helpful to my prayer life, but, if I have already read the article, I will cite it without annotation. In a similar way, I present unread sections in Reformation Commentary on Scripture.

I intend to begin catching up on material postponed while recovering from the transition of ourselves from Virginia to Ohio and Marty into the next life. If I ever get three months out, again, I then intend to reevaluate the amount of energy placed into Personal Notes each week.