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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

Matthew 26:14–27, 66

**And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”**

Committing to follow God is not an easy path. Living compassion, praying daily and protecting the dignity of our sisters and brothers—none are easy tasks.

At the 2016 World Youth Day celebrations in Krakow, Poland, Pope Francis said to young people:

“My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal “more”. Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, the joy that is born of God’s love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the “craziness” of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists. The God who asks us to devise an economy marked by greater solidarity than our own. In all the settings in which you find yourselves, God’s love invites you bring the Good News, making of your own lives a gift to him and to others. This means being courageous, this means being free!”

Inspired by the Synod on the Amazon, this Lent, Development and Peace is asking us to think how we can hear, support and be a Church to the Indigenous and traditional peoples of the Amazon who are struggling to protect their lands, waters and ways of life. Like the Synod, this Lenten campaign is based on Pope Francis’s appeal to the world in his letter, *Laudato Si’*. He calls us to an ecological conversion that makes us look at creation differently—as not a usable resource, but as “Mother Earth,” a divine revelation with which we are in an eternal relationship and from which we must learn. This ecological conversion requires us to change how we see ourselves and make decisions; to live more simply; to have, take and use less; and to listen, engage and give more, not just as a Lenten commitment but as a constant way of life.

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### Discussion questions:

**“Are you up to this? What answer will you give... with your hands and with your feet, to the Lord, who is the way, the truth and the life?”**

– Pope Francis, World Youth Day prayer vigil, Krakow, July 2016

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