

STATIONS OF CREATION

WEEK 3: BROTHER WIND AND AIR, SISTER WATER

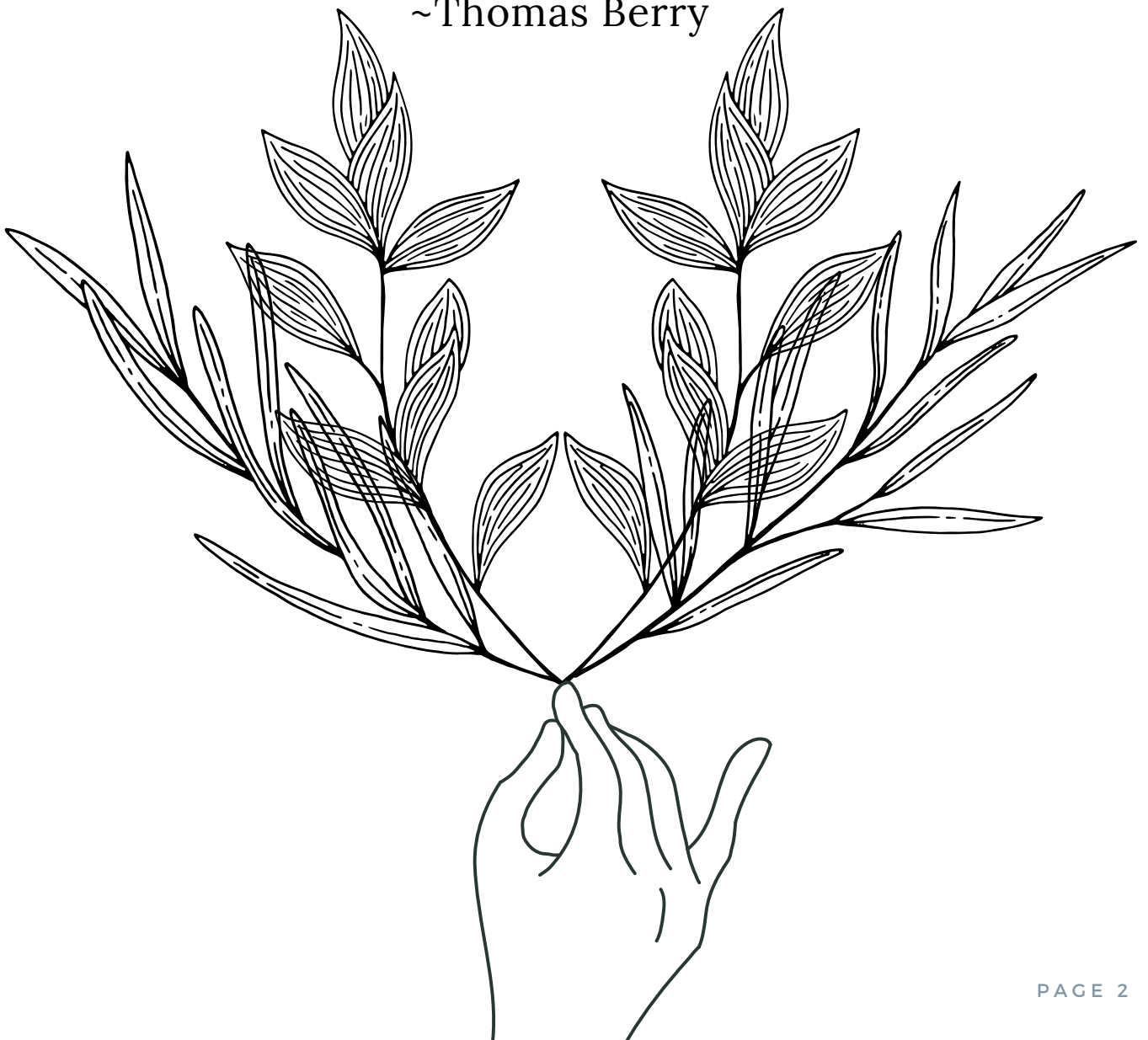


**PRAYER FOCUS:
LIVING IN MUTUAL LIFE-GIVING
AND RIGHT RELATIONSHIP**

*The spirit of God leaps and dances in the air
above the oceans and seas.*

“The Great Work now,
is to carry out the transition
from a period of human
devastation of the earth
to a period when humans
would be present to the planet
in a mutually beneficial manner.”

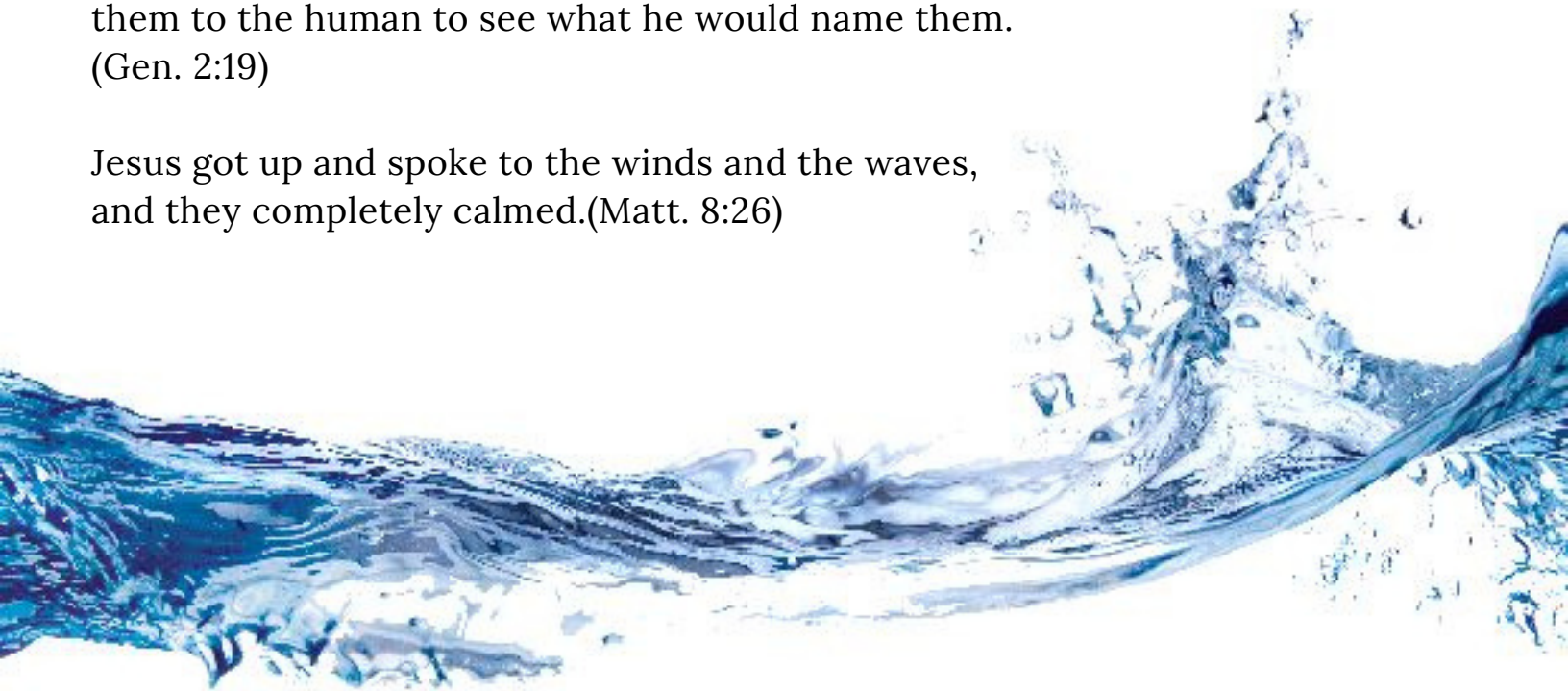
~Thomas Berry



SCRIPTURE

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the human to see what he would name them.
(Gen. 2:19)

Jesus got up and spoke to the winds and the waves, and they completely calmed.(Matt. 8:26)



LAUDATO SI

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect for all of us living creatures are dependent on one another..
(Laudato Si 42)

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.
(Laudato Si 84)

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul but also to discover God in all things.
(Laudato Si 233)

REFLECTION

Contemplative and cosmic prayer impels one to find God in the vast corners of the universe. Because of the Word made flesh, all creation is holy, all of creation is the sacrament of God. Prayer is that relationship with God which opens the eyes of believers to the sanctity of all life - from earthworms to humans, from quarks to stars. Everything that exists reflects the goodness of God. Prayer is the breath of the Holy Spirit that opens our eyes within us to the divine good which saturates our world.

(Ilia Delio, OSF from Franciscan Prayer)

“God created the world out of its elements to the glory of the divine name. God strengthened it with the wind, connected it to the stars and enlightened it by them, and filled it with all manner of creatures. God then surrounded and fulfilled humankind in the world with all things and gave them a tremendous power, so that all creation would support them in all things. The whole nature should serve them, so that they can live with it, because humankind cannot live or survive without nature.”

-- Hildegard of Bingen



PRAYER

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."
Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



God is born again and again!

Ilia Delio (I L I A)

"We owe it to God to run God's world responsibly.
We owe the divine Householder the conservation of the world house;
we owe the divine Homemaker the consecration of the earth home.

We owe God adequate care of all God's creation.

We owe God collaboration in honouring God's name,
in establishing God's kingdom, and in doing God's will "as
in heaven so also on earth."

We owe it to God to cease focussing on heaven,
especially in order to avoid focussing on earth."

John Dominic Crossan
The Greatest Prayer