

AN OFFERING

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 21:1-4

“As Jesus looked up he saw rich people putting their offerings into the treasury; then he happened to notice a poverty-stricken widow putting in two small coins, and he said, ‘I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than any of them; for these have all contributed money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in all she has to live on.’”

Pause for private reflection

Prayer

Lord our God, we thank you for the gift of our world, with all its beauty and grandeur. Help us to be careful stewards of your creation. Guide with your wisdom our ingenuity and enterprise so that we may enhance creation by our efforts. Help us to fashion of our lives a worthy offering so that we may come at last to the promise of our future glory, when all will be fulfilled in your splendour. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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