

**Did Jesus dance at Cana?**

**Yes surely he did.**

**The cranes do an elaborate mating ritual dance as do many other creatures. They are celebrating their sexuality and the wonderful discovery of a partner. Nature cannot sit still for joy, and neither can we nor Jesus.**

**And at Mary's bidding, he performs his first miracle. And it was not "Two Buck Chuck Wine!"**

**No it was the best vintage of wines.**

**Mary's request and his response, despite the fact "that his time had not come." is perhaps the exemplar of our Catholic devotion to Mary's intercession.**

**Today Isaiah gives us an image of another nuptial so needed in our time.**

**He infers that we as humans are wedded to the land upon which we walk:**

**"No longer shall people call you "Forsaken,"**

**Your land "Desolate,"**

**but you will be called, "My Delight,"**

**AND YOUR LAND ESPOUSED."**

**Isaiah grounds us.**

**We are not angels.**

**We are grounded "humus"... of the earth, earthy.**

**And on Ash Wednesday when ashes are put on our brows, it is holy dirt.**

**So as we fill the oceans with eternal plastic, and deplete the rainforests we are bringing onto our children**

**a curse.**

**WE MAKE THEIR EARTH "DESOLATE AND FORSAKEN."**

**We are divorcing ourselves from the very womb of life.**

**BUT THERE IS AN AWAKENING.**

**Even though our President and much of Congress are in ignorant denial of Climate**

**change, States and Cities and other nations are taking actions to benefit the climate.**

**It cannot happen too soon.**

**and so we pray:**

**O God deliver us from being called"**

**"forsaken"**

**or "desolate."**

**Rather may our Earth be Your Delight."**

**O God from whom all blessings flow,**

**bless our earth here below.**

**Amen**