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**Living Psalms Book**

*Psalms in the form of words and art, reborn in the specific contexts of our world, privileging the voices of historically marginalized communities and those acting in solidarity with them.*

**Living Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19**

# Creation Justice—Maundy Thursday

# *John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

# Living Psalm 116:1-2

**1** I love you, Creator, and I give thanks that
    you recognize my voice crying to you,

unique as the Stellar’s Jay in your hearing.
**2**Even if chickadee or cooing dove find me raucous,

I will keep calling on you with hymns of gratitude.

**12**And how will appreciation change me?
**13**I will lift up soiled hands for salvation
    and say your name with voice of my siblings,
**14**I will listen to and echo their calls

for habitat and home, digging deep with care for all.
**15**Each of their deaths causes you pain,

and so it pains me also, connected as we are.
**16**You have made me one with your beloved creation;
    I’m child of the river and its smooth-worn stones;

I’m descendent of the whale and flesh of the honeybee.
    You have made me free as long as they are free.
**17**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
    of more than plastic straws and
**18**I will keep covenant with you
    in the presence of gull and grouse,
**19**in the courts of your Creation,
    in your midst, O Earth.
Praise the Divine!

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