

Dear friends,

Happy Easter to you all! What a wonderful celebration we had on Sunday! All the elements were in place – the people, the egg hunt, the brunch, the pastel colors, the Easter lilies, the glorious music, a trumpeter, and, well, the reason for the gathering, the Good News of Jesus' resurrection! It was such a gift to see you all, such a gift to worship, pray, sing, laugh, and celebrate this day of resurrection with you. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

If you missed the service, or want to experience it again, you can find the link to the YouTube recording [here](#) and photos of Coventry Cathedral [here](#).

Eastertide is a liturgical season, too. We will continue to celebrate the season for fifty days until we reach Pentecost. This Sunday, April 27, we will celebrate Creation Care Sunday as a part of Eastertide. We will celebrate God's good creation and remember what it means to be good stewards of that creation. Cris Rivera is preaching. I hope you will join us!

As you consider ways to observe Earth Day and Eastertide, you might consider what creation care practice you might add as a spiritual discipline. Here are some examples of ways our choices can protect the environment.

<https://www.greenmountainenergy.com/en/why-renewable-energy/protect-the-environment>

Finally, I leave you with a poem from Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)¹. It is a reminder, in this season, that we are the embodiment of the resurrected Christ in the world. The church is the Body of Christ. You and I are God's hands and feet in the world. Teresa of Avila's poem reminds me of this in beautiful and powerful ways.

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.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

May we be Christ's body in the world.

Grace and peace to you,
Mindy

¹ Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent and wrote the book *The Way of Perfection* for her nuns. Other important books by her include her *Autobiography* and *The Interior Castle*.