



Creation Season

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A, March 30, 2008

Water: Precipitation Cycle – Rain – Dew

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Lessons (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31

Collects

God of all hope and joy, to you we offer our praise for new life in the resurrection. Rain down on us the wisdom necessary to daily increase our faith, and through increased faith, may we extend to all God's creation the redemption we profess in our own lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign forever. *Amen.*

God of our rebirth, help us to fall so passionately in love with you that we may seek and see your presence in all creation from the gentle dew on a newly unfolding leaf to million-year-old fossils. Push far from us the doubt that we are part of the solution to a broken and unsustainable lifestyle, for you are the loving One in whom we live and move and have our being, now and forever. *Amen.*

Something to consider this next week:

Today, out of the whirlwind of climate change and global warming, the question is not 'where', but 'why'. Woman and man, I have placed you in the garden to be guardians, to keep and serve. And you are watching as creation collapses. I have given you two hands, one for the book of scripture and the other for the book of nature, as your guidebooks along the pathway of life; I've lifted up prophets to hold mirrors to your face; I've lifted up a modern-day prophet – the voice of water – Jacques Cousteau, who said at the Earth Summit in 1992, 'unless we do something radical today, we will be unable to do anything at all tomorrow.' Tomorrow is today. The earth is in our hands. [the Rev Peter Kreitler, host of Earthtalktoday.tv and advisor to the *Episcopal Ecological Network*.(eenonline.org)]

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Here are some questions for you to consider while you listen to and reflect on today's readings:

When do we need and trust our faith in Water?

Do we trust in its ability to sustain us

Is there enough for all?

How do I know, for sure?

Do I care to save, conserve, to share?

Do I care to pare my own wanton use of water?

Will it matter if I do? How will I know.

During the coming week, as you use water in your life, please take time again to reflect on these questions.



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