



*A Lenten Journey*

*Creation waits  
with eager  
longing: How  
will you respond?*

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

**Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2009**

*Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

-Revelation 5:13

Revelation offers a picture of all of creation singing one hymn of praise to God - in this vision of our promised future, the balance of creation is restored and every tear is wiped away. Throughout the season of Lent we have listened to the anguished cries of creation; now on on Easter Sunday we celebrate the hymn all creation sings in praise of Christ, in whom all things were made, through whom all things are made new. How will you respond to the gifts of abundance and renewal God has given? How can you join in the hymn of all creation?

Throughout this series we have suggested many ways you can "Be Aware" and "Act for Change." Here are a few more suggestions for you to take with you as we come to a close:

Learn more about "environmental tithing." The ELCA social statement, [\*Caring For Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice\*](#), issues this challenge:

*We challenge ourselves, particularly the economically secure, to tithe environmentally. Tithers would reduce their burden on the earth's bounty by producing ten percent less in waste, consuming ten percent less in non-renewable resources, and contributing the savings to earthcare efforts. Environmental tithing also entails giving time to learn about environmental problems and to work with others toward solutions.*

Continue to be an advocate for creation care. Visit <http://www.elca.org/advocacy> for updated resources on ways to engage public officials and your community and to join the ELCA e-Advocacy list.

**Prayer for the Journey**

***God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

***Amen! Let it be so!***

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