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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY

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Today's Responsorial Psalm

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all you his hosts.*

*Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,
the princes and all the judges of the earth,
Young men too, and maidens,
old men and boys.*

*Praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.*

*He has lifted up the horn of his people;
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,
from the children of Israel, the people close to him.*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

PSALM 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Reflection

This hymn is an invitation to all the heavenly creatures to loudly proclaim the gracious magnitude of their Creator. The stars, the moon and the sun, considered deities in other cultures, are seen here as creatures of God urged to sing praise to the One who brought them into existence. Included in this full volume praise invitation are women and men of all ages. Every part of the heavenly and earthly realm was created by God and continues under God's guidance. The acknowledgement of this reality is worthy of praise.



A rainbow arcs over green fields
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For Pondering

- What in heaven and/or on earth do you praise God for making and sustaining?
 - When you consider the “glory” of God, what comes to mind? How do you respond to that “glory”?
 - God has created you on purpose. You are one of a kind. How does this reality affect your praise of the Creator? When you are aware that other creatures are created uniquely and purposefully, what do you say to our Creator?
 - What have you experienced that you could say is “full” of God’s glory?
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For Prayer

RECOGNIZING LIFE’S MIRACLES

*Open my eyes,
O God,
to the marvels that surround me.
Show me the wonder
of each breath I take,
of my every
thought,
word
and movement.
Let me experience the miracles
of the world I witness –
ever mindful
and always appreciative
of all the you have made.*

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