

Monday, 22 March 2021 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

This past weekend saw the official beginning of Spring, though we have certainly seen signs of its coming before this point (and just as likely, we will see signs of winter departing in the weeks to come). It's always a mystical time, for me, watching the world around us as it awakens and moves into new life once again - the birds making nests in our bushes; new buds on trees and flowers; daffodils moving quickly into bloom... Newness of life is all around us, and it is truly a joy to pay attention to its presence.

Similarly, we are approaching Easter now at a rapid pace, and its promise of New Life - Abundant, Eternal, Resurrected. Signs and wonders, indeed, if we will but have eyes to see them.

And this all points us toward the vision of the New Heaven and New Earth, given to us in the Revelation of John. "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations..." (Revelation 22:1-2).

As we spring into the newness of life in the coming weeks, the signs echo the newness of life which are to come in Christ. May we have eyes to see, and lips to speak of the joy this brings our hearts!

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes the splendor of your wonders, springing forth into new life in this week. Open my heart to the newness of life your Spirit brings each of us. Help me to sing your praises, with joy and thanksgiving! Amen.