



**April 6, 2026**

## **Eastertide**

I sit looking out of the window with snow swirling and winds howling in the blizzard of March, 2026. I am writing this offering ahead of leaving on a trip to Portugal with our daughter Sarah. You will see it before I get home early April.

Easter - He IS Risen! - is over and now we enter Eastertide, may the reflection and quiet of Lent stay with us in addition to the JOY of Easter. The world we live in at this point surely gives us 'pause'. I think God must despair as he watches what His creation, in His own image, is doing to his creation, the earth and to each other.

Sally Barber said in her article "Bringing Awe into Our Lfe", " In this era of "shock and awe" federal purges, uncertainty shakes the ground of our lives. But there is another side to awe we can embrace to steady, uplift and make sense of our time and place.

Spring's 'everything, everywhere all at once" jubilant emergence produces awe of the most miraculous kind. That which restores hope, connection and wonder through every bursting bud, bird song, thunder roar and rushing stream.

Awe should be our middle name. Whether we are aware of it or not, the experience of awe is the sustenance of our being.

The world is a divisive place these days. Anger, uncertainty and chaos crowd our mental space. But a moment given to engaging awe can reset our

mind and heart. We can find rest. We can reconnect to our inherent sense of resilience and link to our faith in all that is good and worth fighting for.”

“See with the eye in your heart, not in your head”. A Lakota phrase.

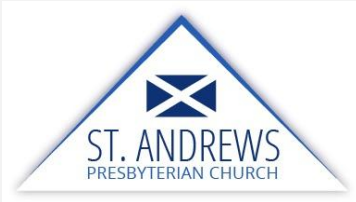
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.

Joyful Eastertide! May It Be So!

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