

**...know ourselves
as one with Earth ...**
LET'S CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
22ND APRIL

Chaos offers opportunity ...

"Tiamat" (Thomas Berry)

"This grand old star collapsed in on herself, and then exploded in a blast as fierce and brilliant as a million stars.

It was our grandmother Supernova! Her death gave birth to hundreds of new, more complex elements—hydrogen, helium, copper, carbon, iron, calcium, magnesium, oxygen... "stardust" flung far out into space."

Mary Southard, CSJ Calendar 2009 (adapted)

We are made of stardust! May we open to this and know our connection with all that is.

We humans are not the central reference point—even for our own self-understanding. Awareness of Earth processes allows us to see our radical dependency on other organisms for basic survival, in addition to our kinship with, rather than difference from, other animals.

...Earth is not our context,
it is our source.

Heather Eton:
From *Teilhard to Omega*

*Now I walk hand in hand
with Love
in the land of the Awakened ones.
...I invite others to Awaken
to the joy of your Presence*
Ps 116 Nan Merrill *Psalms for Praying*

Cosmic Awakening

*Behold
I make all
things
new.*
Isaiah 43 :18

...All life emerges from the same cosmic source, an initial creative event that continues to unfold moment by moment. Since we emerge from the same source, all creatures are part of a single community of life. Even as we live in such rich diversity, we are joined together at the most fundamental of levels.

Judy Cannato: *Fields of Compassion*

It is characteristic of God to create in an emergent and evolutionary way.

Denis Edwards

Woven into our lives is the very fire from the stars and the genes from the sea creatures, and everyone is kin in the radiant tapestry of being.

Elizabeth Johnson