

Eighth Conversation

'Dear Lord, it has been good to travel through Lent with you in the light of *Laudato Si'*. Easter, thank God, has arrived, with its message of lasting hope and joy, so let you and I finish our chats by looking ahead to the blessed life you have in store for us. Glory is our destiny in a transfigured creation: weeping and mourning will be ended forever; creation and ourselves will be reconciled. The world of the past will fade away and you will make all things new and restore to even greater beauty the masterpiece of creation which we have damaged.

But will I remember this? It is through the Eucharist that you help me to keep this Easter hope and joy fresh in my imagination. A chapel may be small, the congregation tiny, the celebration simple and unadorned; but through the Eucharist something of cosmic importance is going on.

Pope Francis says: **"The Eucharist joins heaven and earth. The Lord chooses to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Through it the cosmos gives thanks to God. Thus, the Eucharist is a source of light and of motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation."** (236).

For this light and motivation I give you humble thanks, dear Lord. May it not be wasted on me. Brian Grogan SJ

Amen.'

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