

# Easter Sunday 2016

**Providence, the Energy of Love, is the mystery of the ongoing, enduring interrelationship between the God who makes all things possible and us creatures, handiwork of the creative activity of Love--creatures made in the very image and likeness of holy Mystery, creatures who are themselves creative."** *Marie McCarthy, SP*

Happy Easter! Now we see and know that God's love is indeed ongoing. When all seems condemned and crucified, God's creative response is neither the reversal of these tragedies nor their prevention, but resurrection! Love springs forth anew! How it happens is a mystery, one which unravels throughout our lives, too. We are called to receive this ongoing love, to trust it, be renewed by it, and allow it to dance within us like a recurring Easter morning. We open ourselves to the delight of God's love surprising us again, transforming cemeteries into spring gardens.

There's another call for us as well. Because of our relationship with God as God's own handiwork, we not only recognize God's innovative love but imitate it, responding creatively to the crosses that emerge in our own lives. Aware that death is not the final word, we too must bring life to situations and events that look like definitive death. We know that God makes all things possible, but sometimes, when disaster strikes or difficulties overwhelm, it is hard to believe in possibility or even God's goodness. As Women of Providence, when that goodness feels particularly mysterious, or hidden, we must find it. Our call may be to shine the light or it may be to stand with others at the foot of the cross, but we must show that God's transforming love is reason to hope, that something good is always emerging. We reveal God's love – and become it.

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