



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

### **The Goodness of Creation**

Contemplation - a deeper way of looking at the world, to which God calls us - teaches us to see the surrounding world not only as a material thing, or as something useful and pleasurable for our egos, but as a sphere of action of the personal God, who is distinct from us and from the world. The words of prayer from the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water provide us with a wonderful example of the Christian view of the world:

*The sun sings your praises; the moon glorifies you; the stars entreat you; the light obeys you; the depths tremble before you; the springs serve you. You have stretched out the heavens like a tent; you have established the earth upon the waters; you have enclosed the sea with sand. You have poured fourth air that living things can breathe... (#108)*