

WORLD EARTH DAY

April 22, 2025

A day to recommit to the Laudato Si' Platform, responding to the call of the Society Leadership Teams (ALTM):

“do something each day to conserve water or products that require water in the manufacturing process — to engage our minds, hearts and prayer through this action — an expression of our *Cor Unum* for the sake of our common home.” January 2025



A day to remember that water is central to the life of all living creatures world wide:

so I must do my part to protect its sources for present and future generations of our home planet, to help meet an urgent “**want of this age**” — see p.2 for a graphic of our water sources & this year’s forecast



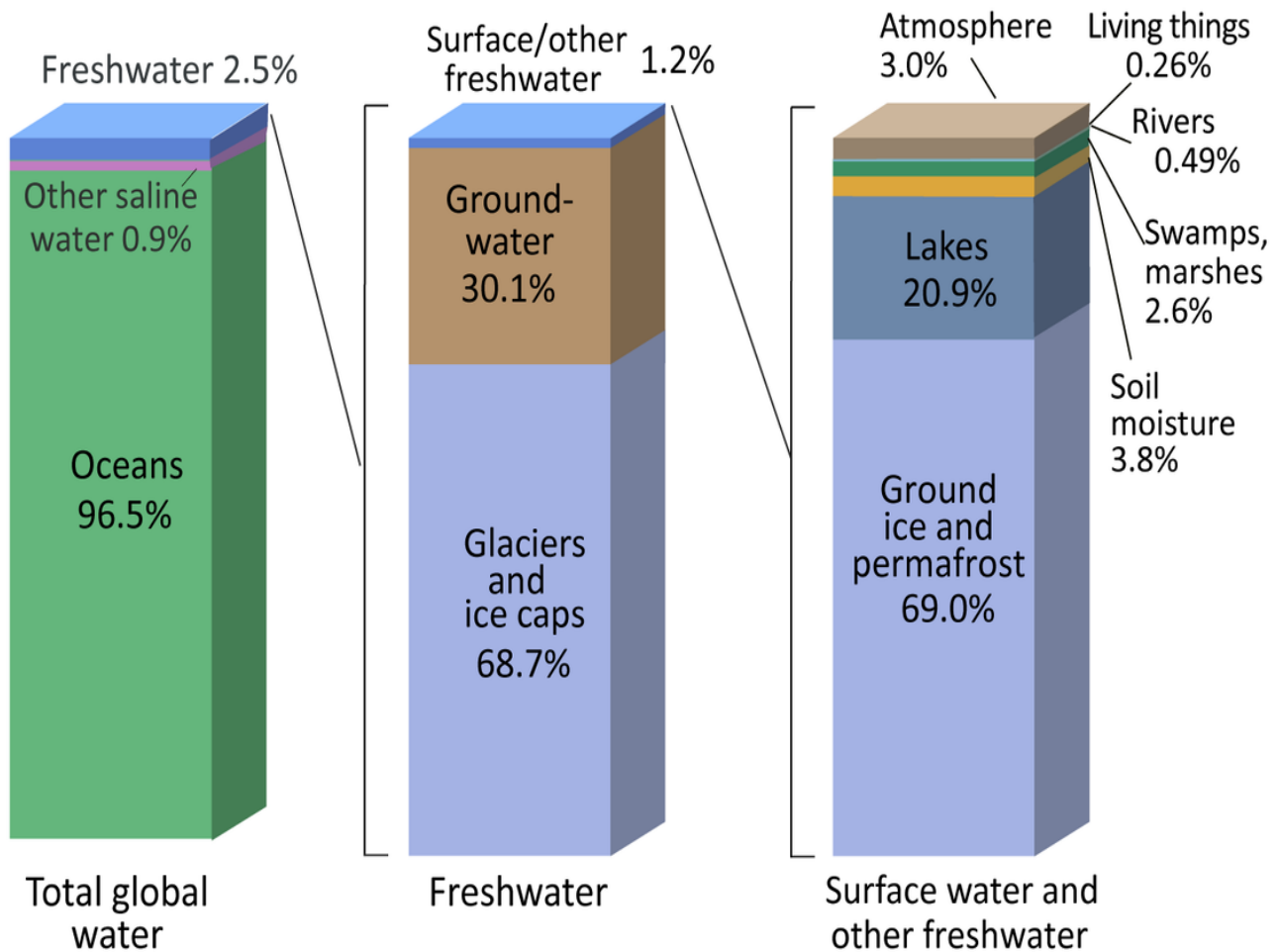
An Easter Tuesday inviting me to recall the water with which I was baptized:

Where did my baptismal water come from? How did I react when I first felt it? Who was with me? What difference has it made in my life?

“This public profession in the church marks a new phase in living out our baptismal covenant.”

Enjoy a drink of water, or wash your hands, or do something else with water as an expression of our unity with all living beings, and in a special way with all those who “press toward uncompromising acceptance of the gospel.” (Constitutions 13)

WHERE IS EARTH'S WATER?



<https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water-science-school/science/where-earths-water>

What water sources are near you?

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Global Water Monitor (GWM) is a network of organizations and individual experts who collaborate with the goal of offering free, rapid, and global climate and water resource data.

The GWM has pioneered approaches to merging and analyzing water-related measurements from satellites and ground stations that help them deliver timely insights into rainfall patterns, atmospheric conditions, soil moisture levels, river discharge, and water body volumes.

The GWM's latest report includes a dire outlook for 2025, warning of the potential for new droughts to develop or intensify in northern South America, southern Africa, northern Africa, Central Asia, parts of North America, and Western Australia. The report not only has projections for this year, but it also summarizes a challenging year for the planet's water resources in 2024.

<https://www.thecooldown.com/outdoors/earths-water-crisis-global-monitor-2025-report/>