

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



3rd Sunday of Easter

1 May 2022 - Year C

“Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.”

Something to Think About

Have you ever been fishing?

Do you think it would be easy or hard to catch fish?

The Story

The disciples were great fishermen, but in this story they go fishing all night and catch nothing. Then a stranger appears on the shore. It's Jesus but they don't know it yet. He asks them to let their nets down again. They catch so many fish that they can hardly fit them in the boat. The disciples are so surprised! Then they realise that the man is Jesus and they come ashore to sit around a warm fire and eat bread and fish.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

21:1-14

Jesus later appeared to his disciples along the shore of Lake Tiberias. Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, and the two sons of Zebedee, were there, together with two other disciples. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing!" The others said, "We'll go with you." They went out in their boat. But they didn't catch a thing that night.

Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise who he was. Jesus shouted, "Friends, have you caught anything?" "No!" they answered.

So he told them, "Let your net down on the right side of your boat, and you will catch some fish." They did, and the net was so full of fish that they could not drag it up into the boat.

Jesus' favourite disciple told Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon heard that it was the Lord, he put on the clothes that he had taken off while he was working. Then he jumped into the water. The boat was only about a hundred yards from shore. So the other disciples stayed in the boat and dragged in the net full of fish.

When the disciples got out of the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." Simon Peter got back into the boat and dragged the net to shore. In it were one hundred fifty-three large fish, but still the net did not rip.

Jesus said, "Come and eat!" But none of the disciples dared ask who he was. They knew he was the Lord. Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave some of it to his disciples. He did the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from death.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish](#)



Group Discussion

Jesus saw his friends having trouble catching fish. They were trying so hard but not succeeding. Jesus saw a problem and stepped in to help his friends! How did Jesus help his friends? How can you help your friends? Share about a time you were a good helper.

Praying For Others

Leader: Gathered as one with all creation, let us pray for the needs of the world:

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will always trust Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for fishermen and farmers and all who provide us with food. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who don't have enough to eat. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for our friends. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for generous hearts to help others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for showing us how to be a good helper. Teach us to care for God's wonderful creation and be helpful to our friends and family.
Amen.

Group Activity

Paper Plate Fish Craft

You will need: large paper plate for each child, scissors, stapler, tissue paper in different colours cut into small pieces, glue, large googly eyes

- 1) Cut a triangular wedge out of the paper plate. This triangle will be the tail, while the hole in the plate will be the mouth.
- 2) Staple the triangle to the plate as a fish tail.
- 3) Cover the paper plate fish with glue and place coloured tissue paper pieces all over the fish.
- 4) Glue the eye onto the fish.
- 5) Optional: you may like to add fin shaped cardboard pieces to the top and bottom of your paper plate fish.



WHAT WAS IN THE FISHING NET?



(1)

WHO WAS WAITING ON THE SHORE?

(2)



**JESUS INVITES
HIS DISCIPLES
TO A PICNIC!**

**FINISH DRAWING
THESE PICTURES**

WHO WAS AT THE PICNIC WITH JESUS?

(3)

