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Dear everyone

Let's begin with our customary few moments of silence to still our minds and bodies.....

As we gather here in the harbour of your safety
We thank you for fellowship and family.
We ask that you will strengthen us,
restore us and inspire us with your love.
Lord, would you fill us with your peace
So that as we journey onwards
We would pour out your love and grace to others.
We ask that our souls would catch the wind of your spirit
so that we would take your promises to all the earth. Amen

John 21:1-14

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

A reflection by Canon Simon Stephens - locum priest at St.Andrew's

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

We move away from the dusty roads between Emmaus and Jerusalem, to the Sea of Galilee where the disciples are fishing for their lunch. Again Jesus appears in their midst walking across the water. Almost immediately, John says to the fishing boat's crew. "It is the Lord" and Simon Peter who previously had denied him thrice, jumps into the lake to assist in dragging the fishing net to the shore. Once again and for the third time in this Easter Week, a simple meal of bread and fish, becomes the moment, the catalyst behind the Hidden Christ revealing himself to the Apostolic Company.

These three resurrection appearances of Jesus underlines the truth, that he comes into our presence in most unexpected and ordinary ways. Not solely in a great cathedral but in the Pandemic queue outside Pollenca's Eroski or sitting next to a stranger on an inter-island flight. The Man from Galilee is full of surprises; and we must be ready when he knocks on the door of our heart...today!

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5.9 17

Prayers

A time of prayer where you can pray for all those who are affected by the current situation. Pray for the world; for the Church; for our country and Government; for our doctors, nurses and emergency services; for your family, loved ones and friends; for those who are lonely or anxious; for the sick and dying; for the departed; and do not forget to pray for yourself and your own needs and concerns.

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed. That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: Lord, have mercy.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory: Lord, have mercy.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection: Lord, have mercy.

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: Lord, have mercy.

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: Lord, have mercy.

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. Open prayer may be offered and silence kept.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace. Amen.

Until tomorrow
Blessings Vicky