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## **EASTER 3C**

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A short act of worship and daily devotions

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## Opening Prayers

Gracious and Holy God,  
I come now into your presence,  
Trusting in the openness of your table, that I may again receive from you,  
And worship you again in the beauty of your holiness.

Some days are full of anticipation, other days I feel like I have nothing.  
Some days I have boat loads of joy, other days just empty nets.  
Some days the world feels laden with promise, other days empty with disappointment.

Whatever this day is, I bring it, here and now  
Full or empty  
Laden with anticipation or grief  
Here I am,  
Waiting to be with you on the shore of this day.  
Amen.

**You may now wish to say the Lord's Prayer in a version or translation with which you are familiar.**

**Reading:** John 21:1-19 – [Click for reading](#)

## Responding to the reading

If this reflection has a title, I guess it would be: "From Following to Feeding: A Call to Serve". Lets take a look at what this journey of discipleship looks like, as we dive into this passage from Scripture today: John 21:1-19.

Pause for a moment and imagine standing on the shore just as the dawn is breaking.

The air is fresh, and the water laps gently against the sand. You see a figure standing there, calling out to some fishermen. Perhaps you can hear his words, perhaps you are just aware of him communicating with the men in the boat. Can you tell the kind of energy they have?

Are they excited to see him? Relieved? Puzzled? All of the above?!

Into the peace and tranquility of this morning scene from John's Gospel bursts the risen Christ. And the resurrection demands something from us – how will we react? How will we join in? History tilts on its axis as this man on the shore shouts out to the fishermen.

Will we ask more? Will we follow? Will we be inspired? Will we join in?

And what of you – how do you respond to this beach moment, this pivotal encounter with the risen Christ?

After a fruitless night of fishing, the disciples are greeted by the resurrected Jesus, who directs them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, resulting in a miraculous catch. On the shore, Jesus has prepared a breakfast of bread and fish for them, and He engages Peter in a deeply moving conversation: "Simon son of John, do you love me more than

these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replies, “you know that I love you.” Jesus then says, “Feed my lambs.”

In this moment in the story, Jesus not only guides the disciples to a great catch but also renews Peter’s call to lead and serve, transforming his previous denial into a reaffirmation of love and commitment.

This passage invites us to think about our own responses to Jesus’ question, “Do you love me?” How does our love for Jesus propel us into action? How are we feeding his lambs in our own lives?

Peter’s conversation with Jesus moves from a declaration of love to a call to action: Feed my sheep. This isn’t just about literal feeding but nurturing, caring, and leading.

How can you participate in this expansive worship through your daily actions?

*[You might like to spend some time discussing these questions with others in your community this week].*

### **Responding in music:**

As you reflect on these questions, and what the reading might be saying to you, you might like to listen to one or more of these hymns:

407 STF – Hear the call of the Kingdom – [YouTube](#)

471 STF – Lord, I come to you - [YouTube](#)

313 STF – Thine be the glory - [YouTube](#)

### **Blessing**

Thine be the glory, risen and conquering son.

Thine be the glory, in the week ahead, in the small things and the big decisions that I will make.

Thine be the glory, Lord Jesus as I seek to follow you, today and every day.

Amen.

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## **Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

- Today is a bank holiday in parts of the UK. Can you use the opportunity to change the rhythms of a usual Monday to notice something that God is doing that is different from what ‘normally’ happens at the start of the week?
- Pray about anything you notice.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

- Find a ribbon or a piece of string. Tie a knot in it, and think of a person you know who needs prayer.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

- Light a candle. Jesus is the light of the world. Pray about the places you experience darkness in your life, that Jesus' light might shine there.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

- God of all grace,  
Heal our wounds, we pray.  
We carry scars from much that has happened to us here in this life. Show us what healing, wholesomeness and processing looks like, we ask you this day.  
Amen.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

- Pour a glass of water. Think about the things you do that get in the way of your relationship with God. You might think it muddies the water of your life, but God forgives us for all these things, and offers us living water.
- Drink some of the water and give thanks for the way God reaches out to you with love and forgiveness.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

- Think about the fruits of the spirit. Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.