



## Sunday Service

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, you came to your disciples when they were on their own and lost:  
strengthen and fill us with your peace and your presence,  
for the glory of God our Father. Amen.

### Bible reading

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. John 21 : 1 - 14

### Reflection :

1. On our own we get nowhere (v 2 – 3)
  - On their own, the disciples caught nothing
  - On our own our lives are eventually frustrating and hopeless
2. With Jesus we can be filled (v 4 – 6)
  - Following Jesus' command, the disciples get a full catch
  - With Jesus all our needs are supplied
3. Are we letting Jesus lead us? (v 7 – 14)
  - "He is Lord". What did this mean to the disciples?
  - Do we recognise Jesus as Lord of our lives?

### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Final prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples as their risen Lord:  
open our eyes that we may see Jesus as our Risen Lord,  
and help us to live every day of our lives empowered by your Holy Spirit for your glory.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Blessing

And now, may God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,  
give us joy and peace this Easter time.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and evermore. Amen.