



All Age Service

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Led by Revd Natasha

Getting 'focused'

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Watch this short video, and see if you can recognise the objects shown - **BEFORE** they come into focus.

Call to worship

We have all come 'ashore' from different places.

We have all come with differing needs.

We have all come with a longing to meet with Jesus.

And Jesus longs to meet with all of us:

to challenge, to call, to equip, to forgive, and to strengthen.

Let us thank him for his amazing love.

Thank you, Jesus.

Amen.

Song **Come now is the time to worship**

Written by Doerkson. Performed by Worship Lyric Videos, used with permission.

Share the Word **John 21.1-19**

A reading performed by Jamie & Natasha Brady - © Author: Chloe Axford/engageworship.org

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: **2** Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. **3** '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.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

6 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.

7 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 round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. **8** The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. **9** When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' **11** 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. **12** Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

16 Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

17 The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' **19** Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

Talk

by Natasha

Fresh Start

A confessional poem based on John 21.15-19. © Author: Dave Hopwood/engageworship.org

**When Jesus met Peter on that beach,
after Peter had denied knowing him three times,
Jesus didn't:**

**confront him and make him feel small;
hold a grudge for years;
ask him to grovel and plead in the sand;
order him to work hard for his forgiveness.**

When Peter met Jesus on that beach,
after he had denied knowing him three times,
Jesus asked him three times:

'Do you love me?'

And then he gave him a new start, a fresh beginning.

'Come, be my disciple,' he said, 'follow me.'

**When we meet Jesus each morning,
after another day of ups and downs,
Jesus doesn't:**

**confront us and make us feel small;
hold a grudge for years;
ask us to grovel and plead in the sand;
order us to work hard for our forgiveness.**

Instead, Jesus asks us again:

'Do you love me?'

even with the little love we have,

and he offers us a new start, a fresh beginning.

'Come, be my disciple,' he says, 'follow me.'

Song Indescribable

Performed by Brittany Hurlbert, Tim Packer, Catriona Inglis - St Nic's Durham. Mix and video by Tim Packer

Words and music by Jesse Reeves and Laura Story © 2004 Laura Stories, sixsteps Music, worshiptogether.com songs.

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Song Before the throne of God above

Led by Seth Price, Logan Williams, Brittany and Brandon Hurlbert and Tim Packer - St Nic's Church, Durham, Mixed by Logan Williams, video by Tim Packer. Words by Charitie Lee Bancroft. Public Domain. Music by Vikki Cook ©1997 Sovereign Grace Music.

Final Prayer

May Jesus bring abundance where there is scarcity,
confidence where there is fear,
purpose where there is staleness;
and may each of us know his forgiveness,
his love and his blessing,
in the days ahead and always.
Amen.



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Bible Notes John 21.1-19

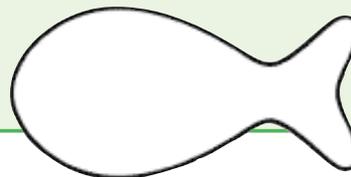


Jesus' encounter with the disciples at the lakeside after their night's unsuccessful fishing is, in a way, another 'sign'. Through the word of Jesus, hopelessness is transformed, abundance comes (vv. 1-14). It shows Jesus' interest in and concern for the physical world and indeed for his disciples' needs. He does not rebuke them that they have gone back to fishing. He demonstrates his love of life and of them, and also his power over the natural world, founded on wise insight (v. 6). Presumably, this will not be the last time they need or want to go fishing. Disciples need to live and Jesus does not call us out of the material world. The incident gives them hope and assurance that Jesus is with them in the continuing and mundane aspects of their lives.

But there is something more for them to do. Simon Peter, who three times denied that he knew Jesus, is three times asked by Jesus if he loves him. This is a chastened Peter, who will not now say that his love is greater than that of his fellow-disciples (v. 15), and who uses the less exalted word for love, *phileo*. Jesus tells him what this chastened love must lead to – care of the flock for which he has laid down his life (10.15)

Fish prayers

Think of someone you want to tell Jesus about. Write the person's name or draw a picture of them on the fish below.
PRAY for them each day.



Daily 
Prayer

Use these three simple prayers at the same time each day this week.

Morning
Lord, help me to abide in you today, especially when I am doing...

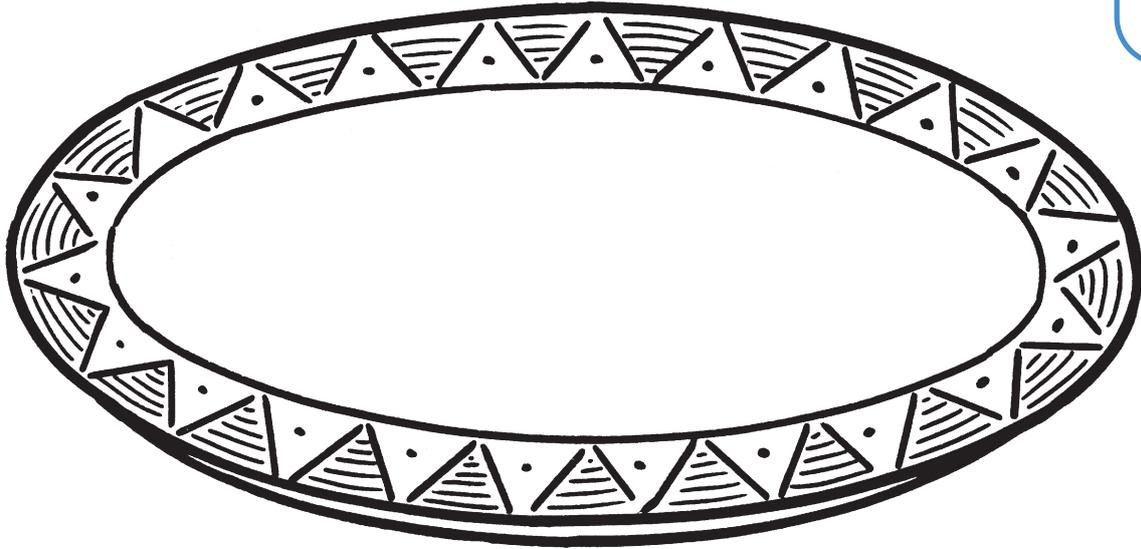
Lunchtime
Lord, help me to know whether or not I am connecting to you today.

Evening
Lord, I am sorry for any times when I drifted away from you today; especially...



Try and connect with God outdoors through creation, perhaps by doing something unusual e.g. hug a tree (if you're with other people, find the biggest tree you can and see if you can hold hands round it); lie/roll on the grass; splash in a stream; watch an insect closely; look at the stars through binoculars (DON'T LOOK AT THE SUN!). How do you feel connected to God as you do this?

'Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."' John 21.12



1 Today we heard about a special meal that Jesus had on a beach with his friends.
Draw on the plate you like for a special meal – or stick on pictures of food from magazines.

2 Just a fisherman.

Peter had had a long journey following Jesus to this point. Play this fishy game to remind you of his good and bad moments as Jesus changed him from a fisherman to a disciple.

Jesus asks you to follow him.
Move on 2.

There's a storm on the lake and Jesus is asleep.
Miss a turn.

Jesus calms the storm.
Move on 1.

You step out on the water when Jesus says.
Go on 2.

You tell Jesus he's the Messiah.
Go on 1.

You go up a mountain with Jesus, see Moses and Elijah and get confused.
Miss a turn.

You say you don't know Jesus three times.
Go back 3.

You see the empty tomb.
Move on 1.

You recognise Jesus on the shore.
Go on 2.

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