



III SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th May 25 - Cycle C



CASTS THE NET



SETTING

Prayer is the encounter between You and me, between us.

With You, I am capable of changing my thinking, my strategies, I am capable of picking up the nets and casting them again. And despite the evidence of not having caught a fish, casting them to the other side. Open us every moment to the new, the different, the paradoxical, to what surrounds us.

Let us welcome your word, always living and effective, at Easter, in the simple gestures of the little ones, and let us open our boat to the new possibility of welcome for all, all.

In your hands, Lord, know that I love you.

SONG. FOOTSTEPS WALKING WITH ME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvdqZPKTnsI>

GOSPEL – John 21, 1-1

""After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He showed himself in this way. Simon Peter was gathered together, along with Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the men of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They answered, "We are also going with you." They went and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When morning came, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He said to them, "Children, have you no fish?" They answered, "No." Jesus said, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were unable to pull it in for the abundance of fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved then said to Peter, "It is the Lord." He put on his garment (for he was naked) and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net with the fish; for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits. As soon as they got out to land, they saw a fire prepared, and on the coals a fish and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and pulled the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three. And although there were so many, the net did not break. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. Then Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them; and in the same way the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he had risen from the dead. After dinner, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." He said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed because he had asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you dressed yourself and went where you wanted, But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." By this he indicated the kind of death by which he was going to glorify God. Having said this, he added, "Follow me."

To go deeper into the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Act; 5, 27b.32.40b-41.

The dead Jesus has risen, and the Church continues to proclaim the news.

Psalm 29:2-13. Christ rises alive from the abyss. Let us proclaim this Good News!

Rev 5:11-14. A solemn "Amen" whose echo resounds endlessly.

Jn 21:1-19. We find ourselves, once again, before a story of the appearance of the Risen Jesus. The word "appearance" should not mislead us; it would be better to say "manifestation." Indeed, Jesus does not come from a place and then disappear. Jesus is there, close to his disciples and close to us as well. He said it and has fulfilled it: "I will be with you until the end of the age" (**Mt 28:20**). Jesus remains invisible, but he is not absent. Jesus remains invisible, but he is not absent. Another somewhat strange detail: When they disembark at the seashore, the disciples find a fish and bread on the coals. Despite this, Jesus asks them to bring some of the fish they had just caught. Can we think that this wasn't enough? We cannot be content with this arithmetic explanation. Rather, we must deduce that in the work of evangelization, Jesus precedes us, but at the same time, requests our collaboration. Another surprise in this text is the dialogue between Jesus and Peter: just as, during the night from Thursday to Friday, Peter affirms three times that he does not know this man, Jesus also questions him three times: Jesus' infinite delicacy allows Peter to erase the triple denial. We note that, each time, Jesus relies on this commitment, on Peter's adherence, to entrust him with the community's mission: "Feed my sheep." Let us understand that our relationship with Christ has no meaning, nor is it true, except if it is realized in the context of a mission in service to others. Jesus clearly specifies "my" sheep: With this, Peter feels invited to share the Master's burden. Peter does not become the "owner" of the flock, but the fact of caring for it in Christ's name will allow him to verify his love for Jesus. Jesus' infinite delicacy allows Peter to erase the triple denial.

Prayer clues

- When you read the text, where do you stand?
- What would your dialogue with Jesus be like?
- What does the text invite you to do



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. ANTHONY SALVO - FINDING SANCTUARY (BEAUTIFUL VIOLIN)

<https://youtu.be/hhrXRRQtnI0?si=NWREwI4BIY2ikya8>

CAST THE NET AGAIN

In the vast expanse
of the open sea,
we all fit.
I open myself
to the signs,
the boat, the net, the fish
and I listen
to the moment,
and I cast the nets again.
You observe and
let me decide,
you will always be there.
Cast them again,
allow the necessary time.
Joy overflows,
the nets are full,
the heart is moved.
It is You.
Your presence changes
everything.
Perseverance,
attempts, and doubts
arise within me.
I am overcome
by the certainty
of your presence,
your encouragement
and support.
Cast them again,
my gaze in yours,
I let myself be carried

by it,
whatever it may be.
Let yourself be carried by
the impulse
of the heart you feel.
Do not give power
to what
takes away your peace.
Dream, take risks,
even if you make
mistakes, it's okay,
that's how you learn,
grow, live.
Throw them again.
Believe even in what
seems impossible and
let yourself go, love
is the force that can
overcome everything.
You are not alone,
there is always Someone,
in so many someone's.
Trust and live,
embrace life,
that feels, that suffers,
and rejoices.
Throw them again.
Knowing that
He is there, that
He loves you.

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