

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 29)

ANTIPHON: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

RESPONSE: **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Or

Alleluia!

LECTOR: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

LECTOR: Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev: 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

NEXT WEEK (4th Sunday of Easter, Year C) Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 99; Rev 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

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Sharing a meal with Jesus



Raphael The Miraculous Draught of Fishes

1 May 2022 3rd Sunday Easter Year C

Sitting down to a nice meal with family and friends is important in cultures worldwide. Often, a lot of thought and effort goes into the preparation and planning of the menu. In many households, the dishes for significant family gatherings often consist of old favourites. These dishes, with their presentation, aroma and taste can stimulate a sense of nostalgia, taking a person back to their childhood or triggering a fond memory of a loved one who sadly is no longer around.

In today's gospel, Jesus prepares a meal for his disciples. The location by the shores of the Sea of Tiberias (the Sea of Galilee) would have been very familiar to the disciples as it was on these very shores that Jesus had fed the crowd of five thousand earlier in his life and ministry. They would also have recalled an earlier event when they had fished for hours with no luck. Jesus had appeared and told them to drop the net again and before long their boat was overflowing with fish.

Therefore, the setting is a familiar one with Jesus sitting down with his disciples to share a meal with Jesus providing the bread, the charcoal fire and the fish. However, not all is the same as before. Something has changed and that is the person of Jesus himself. While Jesus used to be like the disciples, living and eating amongst them, there is now a distinct

difference. Jesus has risen from the dead. He was crucified and died on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday he rose from the tomb. He is alive!

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to be true Man and true God. But when he appeared to them this time, he was at first unrecognisable to his disciples. The disciples recognised Jesus by eating with him by the sea of Tiberias.

The disciples first had to open their hearts, minds and spirits to the risen Jesus and, importantly, to be open to his offer to share a meal and his invitation to continue his ministry of spreading the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

As disciples of Jesus in the world today, we too are offered a similar invitation. We too are invited to recognise the risen Jesus in the midst of our lives. And like the disciples in today's gospel, we are not asked to bring anything other than ourselves, with an open mind, an open heart and an open spirit.

We need to trust in Jesus and to cast the nets of our faith far and wide in our world and to understand the great mission that Jesus is working in and through us each day and each moment.

We are invited to the meal that Jesus prepares for us and to live our lives sharing and proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom of love, mercy and compassion.

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