

Gathering together



When it was already light, Jesus stood on the shore and he called out, "Have you caught anything, friends?" And when they answered, "No" he said, "throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something." So they threw the net out and could not haul it in because of the quantity of fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." At these words, 'It is the Lord,' Peter tied his outer garment around him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net with the fish. They were about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came to shore they saw there was some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish already cooking on it. "Bring some of the fish you have caught." Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty three of them; and in spite of there being so many, the net was not broken. And Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. (John 4-14)

Reflecting: What is being awakened in me as I reflect on the Gospel we have just heard?

Responding

- May we share with those who hunger for daily food and human dignity...Lord hear us
- May our nets extend to all those who look to us for solidarity... Lord hear us
- We ask that you walk with us as we recognise the need to move towards a more synodal way of being Church ... Lord hear us

Come Holy Spirit,

Breathe new life into our troubled world
Shake the foundations of our crumbling institutions.
Enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness.
Shake us out of our complacency.
Whisper our names once more
And scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.

Come Holy Spirit,

lead us to places we would rather not go.
Expand the horizons of our limited imaginations.
Awaken in our souls bold dreams of a new tomorrow.
And rekindle in our hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.

Come Holy Spirit,

Whose justice outwits international conspiracy,
Whose light outshines spiritual bigotry,
Whose peace can overcome the destructive potential of warfare,
Whose promise energises our every effort
to create a new heaven and a new earth, Amen.