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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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CAST YOUR NET!

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Excerpts from Today's Gospel

Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

JOHN 21:1, 5-6, 11, 14

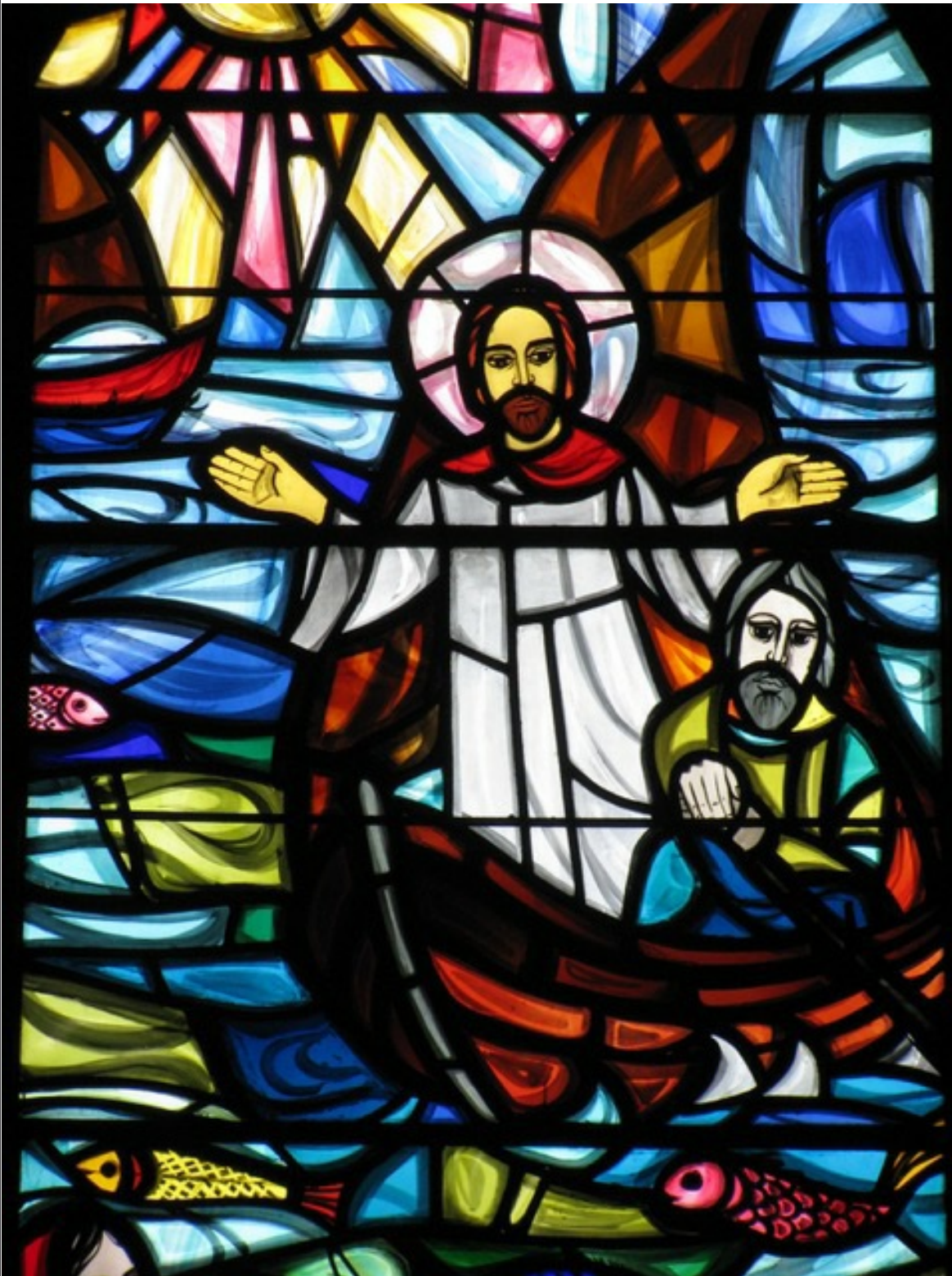
Reflection

This is the third time Jesus has revealed himself to his disciples after his resurrection. He does so in a very familiar location as Peter and the other disciples have returned to their livelihoods as fishermen.

As a child, I often fished with my brother, Peter, in the streams and lakes near

where we grew up. We ate what we caught with mom preparing the fish in various ways. Fishing was a relaxing, quiet, and serene experience for me; though what I enjoyed most was being with my brother in such a peaceful setting. It is easy for me to picture Peter and the others casting their nets and finding the fish where Jesus said they could be caught.

This leads me to this question, where do I cast my nets? Have I heard where Jesus has asked me to go? Peter and the other disciples responded immediately when Jesus pointed out where to fish. Am I open and humble enough to heed the advice and direction from the Spirit's guidance in my own life?



Cast Wide the Net

*Let go and set sail on the sea of life.
Do you hear the swish of the net in mid-flight?
Where does it land and for whom do you fish?*

*Cast wide your net on the sea of life.
How gently does your net fall upon the waters you sail?
Do your movements invite or scatter the fish you so desire?*

*Let us set sail on the sea of life.
As disciples we are fishers of all God's creatures
gathering and calling forth life in Christ Jesus.*

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For Pondering

- Where might your net of inclusivity be needed today?
 - Where is your Beloved calling you to fish?
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For Prayer

Anchor of our lives, may your wind gently guide us to the shores of the seas to which we are called. May our nets of love and compassion be food for those who hunger for your life-giving nourishment and presence. Let us pray for one another as we sail in the steadfast waters of all creation. Amen.

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