



# Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter Year C

*Prepare a prayer focus and light a candle.*

**SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...**

**READER:** Kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou -- The Lord be with you

**ALL:** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki -- And also with you

**READER:**

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome everybody. Thank you for gathering now. We are one body, the Body of Christ. This the third Sunday of Easter. The Gospel today is about fishing, something many of us like to do. We listen to Jesus say, 'cast your net to the right side!' Let' sing.

**Will you love me?** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JmOgOjKzsQ> (subtitles are in Korean)

**READER:** E te Atua, God of abundance, you called the fishermen to throw out their nets on the other side and their net was fill to bursting. In the same way, may our love for you be abundant and generous.

You call us to turn to you	Lord have mercy	<b>(All)</b> Lord have mercy
You call us to come to you	Christ have mercy	<b>(All)</b> Christ have mercy
You wipe away all that separates us from you	Lord have mercy	<b>All)</b> Lord have mercy

**OPENING PRAYER:** Ka inoi tatou – let us pray. In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for. *(Allow silence, 1 minute)*

God of everlasting mercy, increase our understanding of your saving action, that we too might be instruments of your mercy and saving love. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray. **ALL: Amen**

**FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32,40-41**

A reading from the book of Acts

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin,

the high priest questioned them,

"We gave you strict orders, did we not,

to stop teaching in that name?

Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching

and want to bring this man's blood upon us."

But Peter and the apostles said in reply,

"We must obey God rather than men.

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus,

though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and saviour

to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

We are witnesses of these things,

as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin,

rejoicing that they had been found worthy  
to suffer dishonour for the sake of the name.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

**Silence** – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word find a place to rest inside us.*

**Discuss** - The apostles were ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop teaching in Jesus' name. How did they respond?

**PSALM:** *Psalm 30 I will praise you Lord for you have rescued me.*

*Children*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-QFjfoGuYU>

*Youth*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwzPSs3Tl1I>

*Adults*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afVs6fPtE8g>

**Second Reading** Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels  
who surrounded the throne  
and the living creatures and the elders.

They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
honour and glory and blessing.”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea,  
everything in the universe, cry out:

“To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour, glory and might,  
forever and ever.”

The four living creatures answered, “Amen, “  
and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

**Silence** - *Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

**Discuss** – What relationship is portrayed here between the ‘Lamb,’ and all living creatures?

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

**Reader** Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

**All** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki – And also with you

**Reader** A reading from the Gospel of John

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

He revealed himself in this way.

Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus,

Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.”

They said to him, “We also will come with you.”

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore;

but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

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 they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."  
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord,  
he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.  
The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore,  
only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish.  
When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.  
Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."  
So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore  
full of one hundred fifty-three large fish.  
Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.  
Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."  
And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.  
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.  
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,  
"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"  
Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."  
He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"  
Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."  
Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."  
Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"  
Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time,  
"Do you love me?" and he said to him,  
"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger,  
you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted;  
but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you  
and lead you where you do not want to go."  
He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.  
And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

**Reader** Ko te rongopai a te Ariki – The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti –  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the reading - Silence.*

→ **Children's Reflection on the Gospel** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18Ks1GbKqsl> What interests you about this Gospel story?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – Jesus was on the shore cooking fish. What does this suggest about ordinary activities of daily life?

**Prayer of the Faithful: As God's people we pray for the needs of the whole world.**

**For the Church** – that we will grow deeper in our participation in the liturgy.

(Silence) **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Let us rejoice!

**For leaders of nations** – that they exercise care for the delicate nature of our oceans and work to protect this vast taonga or treasure from pollution and degradation.

(Silence) **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Let us rejoice!

**For the people of Russia and Ukraine** – that peace will spring forth and new hope will flower.

(Silence) **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Let us rejoice!

**For people whose homes are swamped by seawater or extreme flooding** – that we take time to address climate change, while also supporting those whose lives are affected.

(Silence) **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Let us rejoice!

**For families without sufficient nutritious food** – that we work together to ensure the most vulnerable have ample food, and warm, dry, adequate housing.

(Silence) **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Let us rejoice!

**For ourselves** – that we follow Jesus, our lives a living witness to the resurrection of Jesus and to the Gospel.

(Silence)      **Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen!    **All:** Let us rejoice!

**Concluding Prayer (Priest)**

Lord, you instructed the disciples to cast out their nets and they had a mighty catch. As we turn to you this Easter season, show us how to discern the way you would have us follow so that we might also cast out our nets and yield your catch of love and service. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

**READER: Let's pray especially for peace between nations.**

**A response for All:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For Ukraine and Russia

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For people's of the Pacific

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For powerful nations

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For an end to nuclear warheads

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For leaders who wield great power

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For refugees fleeing their homeland

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** For families whose life has been crushed by war

**ALL:** Let there be peace!

**READER:** Let's pray the Lord's prayer together. The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo Māori.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEVohYY>

*Or the Lord's Prayer in English.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**READER:**      May the God of all mercy be with you and bless you.  
                    May the doubts of your heart be reborn as hope in the living God.  
                    May the joy of the resurrection stay with you.  
                    May it touch and shape all you do and all you are.  
                    Through Christ our risen and merciful lord we pray.

**All: Amen**

**READER:** Thank you for your participation in this Liturgy of the Word, thank you for your kindness and presence. We rejoice always, because we do not walk alone, God who forgives readily, is with us always. May we be messengers of God's love, peace and forgiveness in the world today.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God in all we do.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Song – Galilee Song* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_Payt-H5AU&t=34s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_Payt-H5AU&t=34s)