



04 May 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



INTRODUCTION:

The resurrection is the beginning of our faith journey, not its end. In the light of Resurrection this third week of Easter, we, like the disciples, are invited to embrace our “Galilean shore” where Jesus invites us to an abundant breakfast of grace where there is forgiveness, restoration, and a renewed commissioning, born out of love.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2&4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b
Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God our Father knows better than we do our dependence on him in our lives and in the lives of all his people. Let us pray for humility, wisdom, and insight to pray for our own needs and for the needs of world.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who have recently become members of God’s church through baptism that they may grow in faith and be strengthened day by day in the service of Christ (pause). We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of nations and all in authority that they may use their skills and the power entrusted to them responsibly and for the good of all people (pause). We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the people we meet in our daily lives that we may recognise and serve Christ in each other and hear God speaking in the voice of friends and strangers (pause). We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those whose spirit is crushed with guilt and a sense of failure that they may know our Lord’s forgiveness and healing and be restored in faith and confidence in God’s love (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you reached out to Simon Peter in his guilt and shame and appointed him to be a shepherd of your flock. With faith in your compassion and mercy we commit ourselves and those for whom we have prayed into your care. We ask that our lives may be renewed and directed by your loving wisdom so that we may follow Christ, not in our own strength but by your grace and blessing. Amen.