

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Jesus Christ is our life: come, let us adore him, alleluia!*  
Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

**Hymn** **Meter LM**

The waters of our mother earth,  
Her rivers, oceans, lakes and springs,  
Are mirrors to the depths of God—  
The freshness at the heart of things.  
Our sister water, wondrous gift,  
Can cleanse and cool, destroy and drown  
The mistress of both life and death,  
Through her all living things are bound.  
Her currents held the Lord of life,  
Abyss of death, baptismal tomb.  
With blood she came forth from his side  
As breaking waters from the womb.  
O Christ in whom we are baptized,  
Washed clean, refreshed, and sanctified:  
Be praised for this our sister fair  
By whom we live, in whom we died.

**Psalm** **90:1-2, 14-17**

*I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east.* (Ez 47:1)

*The great catch of fish signals the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation, carried through the centuries by the people of the Old Testament. The water from the side of Christ, the new Temple, spreads out into the life-giving river in which all things live, and the catch is plentiful for the new "fishers of men."*

O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.  
Before the mountains were born  
or the earth or the world brought forth,  
you are God, without beginning or end.  
In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.  
Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands,  
give success to the work of our hands.

Glory to the Father

**Word of God** **Ezekiel 47:9-10**

Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Fishermen shall be standing along it from Engedi to Eneglaim, spreading their nets there.

Its kinds of fish shall be like those of the Great Sea, very numerous.

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."* (cf. Mt 4:19)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

**Intercessions**

In joy we pray:

**R/You are our life and our salvation!**

You sent your disciples to fish the seas of the world for new believers: – may our lives of faith draw many to put their trust in you. **R/**

You pour forth the life-giving waters of the Spirit on all parts of the world: – may many find fullness of life in you. **R/**

You call for new laborers in the work of the Gospel: – may the Church be blessed with eager and faithful workers. **R/** **Personal intentions**

Our Father...

*O God, your gift of life is abundant beyond all understanding. May we whom you have called to life in Christ be willing servants of the Gospel so that we may share with others all that you have given to us in your goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Reading 1 Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41**

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 savior 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 dishonor for the sake of the name.

### Reading 2 Revelation 5:11-14

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,/ honor 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 honor, glory and might,/ forever and ever."

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

### Gospel John 20:19-31

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again 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."

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### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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