

05-01-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The risen Christ continues to share in the table fellowship of the church, continues to supply the strength and nurture we need for our lives and work.”

- *Thomas Troeger*



John 21:1-19

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it presently mean to you to say you are a follower of Christ? With what form(s) of ministry and service has God entrusted you? In what ways do you need a “second chance” in living into your commitment to be a disciple of Jesus? In what specific ways is the Holy Spirit prompting you to engage the world around you? What forms of strength and nurture do you need in order to follow those promptings?

- In what ways does the risen Christ guide and feed you? What enables you to recognize Christ’s presence with you? How do you encounter the Divine in the ordinary routine of your day to day life? What practices help to awaken your spiritual senses so that you can recognize the nurturing presence of God?

- How do you demonstrate your love of Jesus? What for you is the connection between loving Jesus and serving others? What is the balance between action and contemplation in your life? Who are the “sheep” Jesus is calling you to feed and serve? What “lambs” are in need of your nurture and care? How will you be an instrument of God’s good news?

Daily Household Prayer

Merciful God, often we get so caught up in the letter of the law that we lose sight of the spirit of the law. We remember with shame the impact of laws like the Doctrine of Discovery that corrupted your will and inflicted harm on generations of Native Americans. In our self-righteous lack of understanding, we continue to persecute your children. Too often, we are the instrument that pierces your hands and feet. Forgive us for the pain that we cause others. Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor. Transform us into instruments of your good news. In the name of the resurrected Christ Jesus, we ask your mercy. Amen.