

## Lectio Divina

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| > Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel                       | > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition         |
| > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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**May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year C - John 21:1 - 19**

In this week's gospel we see Jesus showing himself again by the Sea of Tiberias. He stood by the shore while Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples went fishing. Jesus saw they were having difficulty catching fish. He told them to change the direction of where they threw their nets and they filled them to the brim. They then had a meal together when Jesus revealed who he was. After the meal Jesus asked Simon son of John, "do you love me?". He asked him this three times and Simon answered yes to this question each time. Are there times in our lives when we went about our daily tasks but without enthusiasm, just going through the motions like Simon Peter and nothing seemed to work? Who were the people like Jesus who encouraged us to try again in a new way and things began to come right?

**Prayer:**

Thank you Lord for the people in our lives who like Jesus stand by us and offer advise so gently that we find ourselves listening to them and finding new direction.

Forgive us Lord for the times we felt we could do things without your presence within us. This presence never fails us even though at times we do not recognise it just like the disciples not recognising the presence of Jesus on the shore. Help us to be like Jesus who when people are struggling, stand beside them and offer advice so discreetly that they do not know we are doing so but it turns out to be just the right word and the people once more discover their abilities.

