

Carpenter Who Teaches Us To Fish

A clumsy title seeks to express one of the themes from the story of the Breakfast on the Beach from John 21. The disciples have experienced resurrection but don't know what to do with it, so they return to the familiar—fishing. Jesus, the carpenter, tells them to throw their nets on the other side of the boat where they catch 153 fish. But actually, Jesus wants Peter to “Feed my Sheep,” to let go of the familiar and trust.

This intercessory response assumes that the congregation have been writing their prayers onto coloured fish and pinning them to netting.

God,
the Carpenter who teaches us to fish
You meet us in unexpected places
You lead us beyond the security of the everyday
You challenge us to be more than we believe possible.

God
the Shepherd who trusts us to look after your sheep
Hear the dreams of our hearts
Catch our hopes for your world
Harvest our prayers for this community

God
the master who follows your disciples
Go with us as we journey
Feast with us as we fish
And share the lives we offer you

In the name of the one who shared his life with us.

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