

"EASTER HEARTS, FILLED TO BE ALIVE & ANEW!"

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 5, 2019

ACTS 9:1-6; REVELATION 5:11-14; JOHN 21:1-19

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

What do you have an appetite for? What are you hungry for? What satisfies you? What fills you? What are you still craving? When you think of `eating,' do you think of only getting by, a nibble here and there, enough to take the edge off; or do you think of savoring every bite, flavor, substance, enjoyment? Today we hear again of Jesus appearing to his disciples. They are fishing before breakfast. They have worked all night and caught nothing. They are hungry - hungry to call it a night, hungry for a bite, and hungry for Easter hearts. They are hungry to fill their nets and their lives and their hearts, with truth, drive, insight and outlook, calling and vocation, and grace. The Risen Christ appears, providing Easter hearts, making known new cravings, richer flavor, deeper substance, greater enjoyment. As Jesus fed and filled the disciples on the shore, see Jesus breaking into your midst every day, giving you an Easter heart, alive, anew, filled, in The Risen Christ!

1. What do you have an appetite for? What fills you? Your life? Your spirit? What is your Easter heart still craving, what is still empty? What would satisfy you and your Easter heart?
 - A. What kind of eating habits do you have? Do you eat when you are hungry? Do you graze? Do you try to quiet your cravings? Do you long for substance? Do you know what satisfies? What fills you?
 - B. What is your Easter heart hungry for? When it comes to your spiritual hunger, do you eat just enough to get by? What gives you substance? What are you still starving for? What do you savor, enjoy? What fills your Easter heart? John 21:1-6,8
2. Our Savior craves us, is starving for us, is empty without us, longs for our hearts, belief, surrender, love, devotion to satisfy his hunger! As Jesus appeared to his disciples at day break, in the midst of their every day routine, and made himself known as they shared breakfast, trust your Easter heart is alive, anew, and filled, in The Risen Christ!

- A. The Risen Christ fills your Easter heart with truth! Acts 9:5-6
 - B. The Risen Christ fills your Easter heart with drive! John 21:7b
 - C. The Risen Christ fills your Easter heart with insight and outlook!
John 21:7a
 - D. The Risen Christ fills your Easter heart with calling & vocation!
John 21:15-19
 - E. The Risen Christ fills your Easter heart with hope and grace!
Revelation 5:12-13; John 21:6,12-14
3. As The Risen Jesus comes into their midst, the disciples' nets are not only filled, the disciples themselves are filled in a new way. As Jesus fed and filled the disciples on the shore, see The Risen Christ feeding our Easter hearts with grace upon grace; for we are alive, anew, filled, too, for Christ is risen, and risen indeed, Alleluia! John 21:4