

May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Third Sunday of Easter

## **“Cast The Net on the Right Side”**

Main Text: John 21:1-19  
(Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Revelation 5:11-14)

To truly see God making all things new, we must be willing to respond to the world differently than we have. In this reading from John's Gospel, the disciples were going to go back to what they knew before Jesus. Peter decided to go fishing. They knew how to fish. They got all their old equipment into the boat and went out to their favorite places to fish. As they did, they could not catch anything. What they did not realize is that Jesus had changed everything for them, even fishing. What they had done before was not going to work for them in this new reality of the resurrection. Jesus told them to fish on the right side, and when they did they caught more fish than they could manage. For us to not only see the world differently with Christ, we also need to act differently. We can't simply do what always worked in the past. God is making all things new, and we need to relate differently to that new reality. This reading from Acts is of the conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus. After his conversion, Paul could never go back to the way it was before. Paul could never relate to the world in the same way. Everything had become new for him. John would also never be the same after God had given him that vision of what God is preparing. How does the gift of the resurrection and new life call us to live differently and respond differently to the world? If God is making all things new, then we also need to change how we fish.