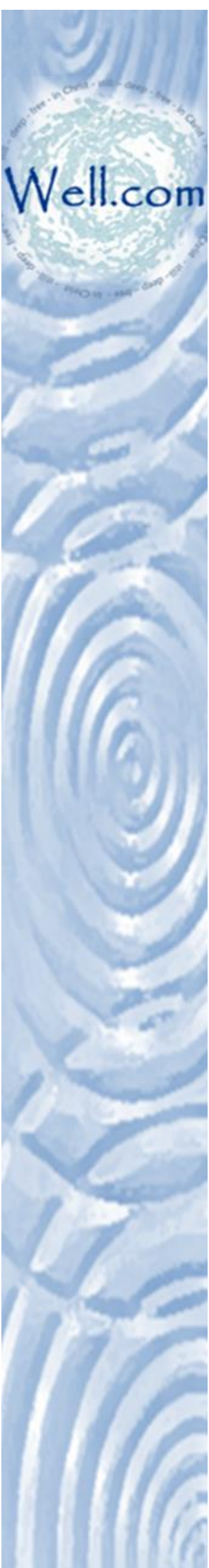


SUNDAY LITURGY

Easter 2021





Welcome and introduction

You've joined us in a time of quiet for you and the Lord to enjoy together, in the company of others. You are in your own home and God is there with you. Any questions you hear during this time are intended for you to take into the quiet of your own heart.

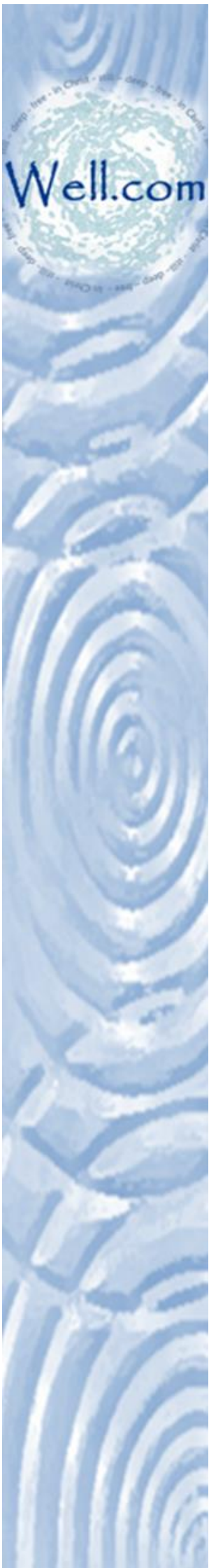
We keep mikes on to maintain our connection with each other. However, at particular times you will be asked to mute. As in liturgy, our actions signal something of what God is doing with us. 'Let us mute' is God inviting us to listen carefully.

Your responses are in **blue**

"He is Risen". How can we ever fully understand what this means in this life?

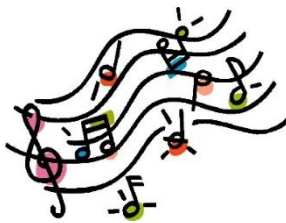
Walking into the vast mystery of Resurrection this evening we are going to focus on what God is always doing: Welcoming. We see God's welcome embodied in the Risen Jesus as he meets his friends after the Resurrection. We'll pray for it for ourselves. We'll enter into God's welcome, just as they did, in the ordinary boring places in our lives. Such welcome is big and beyond us but entering into God's Word, we can perhaps become aware of something ...

As always, this evening is not about the 'feel' of anything. The Risen Jesus is here. Big and beyond us. The Lord welcomes you to this time together



Let us mute

OPENING MUSIC



The Risen Christ

The Risen Christ (Doxology)

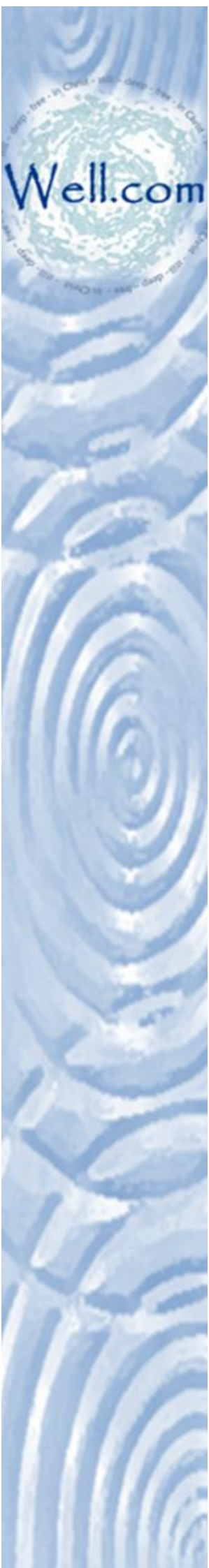
Margaret Becker, Joanne Hogg, Kristyn Lennox

*O Breath of God come fill this place
Revive our hearts to know Your grace
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ*

*O Word of God so clear and true
Renew our minds to trust in You
And give to us the Bread of Life
That we may know the risen Christ*

*O love of God so unrestrained
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ*

*May God the Father God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ*



OPENING PRAYER

Let us unmute, let us speak.

We join together in prayer in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

Risen Jesus,
You returned to your friends,
to the events and places you shared with them,
reaching out to each one in a particular, personal way.
We imagine you coming straight from the tomb
to be with each one of us now, in our own homes,
in a particular and personal way.

Why are you crying? You ask Mary
You say the same words to me now
You know what I've been through recently,
some good things, some not so good
You want me to come and talk to you about them
You want to hear what I have to say
(Pause)

The Risen Christ welcomes us
He makes his home in our hearts

Stretch out your hand,
you understand Thomas and his need to touch you.
You understand me
You want me to keep stretching and searching
to risk asking for what I need in this relationship with you
(Pause)

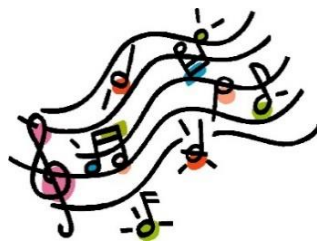
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He makes his home in our hearts



Come and eat: You welcome your friends with food.
I look to the place in my own home where I eat,
alone, or with others.
I think of you there ahead of me, smiling,
wanting me to sit down with you.
Each meal is special because you are eating it with me
(Pause)

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He makes his home in our hearts

Let us Mute

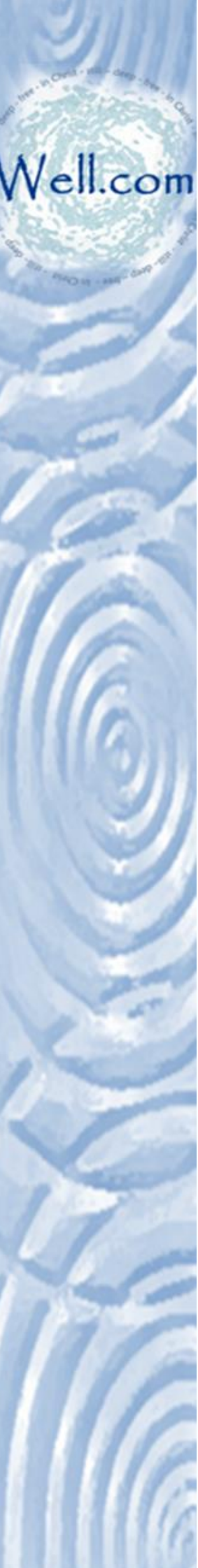


You, O Lord are in this place
Keith Duke

Let us unmute, let us speak

At this time when we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, and
remember the particular and personal way he welcomes
and cares for each one of us in friendship and we pray

**May God the Father God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
AMEN**



WELCOME HOME

(R) Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
We welcome You into our hearts.

I give thanks to You, O Beloved,
who answer our prayers and welcomes us to new Life.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our lives.
This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work;
it is marvellous in our eyes. (R)

This is the day which You have made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
We welcome You into our hearts. (R)

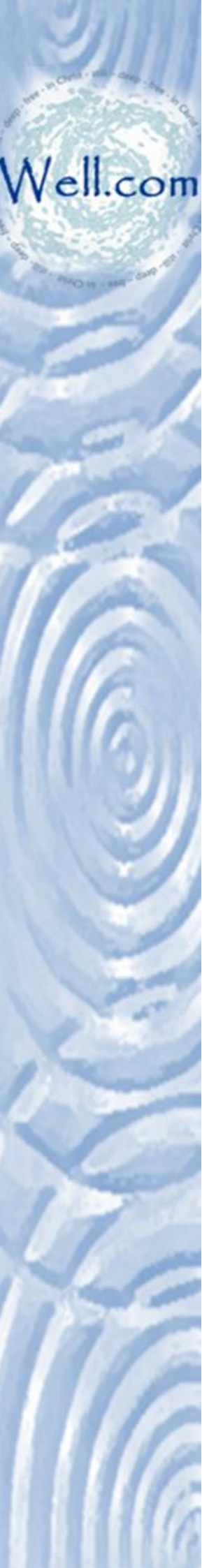
Blessed are all who enter through your gates!
Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love!
For You lead the Way, You forgive our misguided ways,
and You bring Light into darkness. (R)

Come, all you who will, partake of The Great Banquet! You
are my Be-loved, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my Beloved, greatly will I praise You!
We give thanks to You, O Blessed One, for You are kind;
your steadfast Love endures for ever! (R)

Let us Mute

My heart, your home. Watermark





WELCOME HOME

Welcome home. So much of what separates us from God, the things we do/buy to 'big' ourselves up, has its roots in not realising how welcome we are just as we are. We forget Jesus returns to visit his friends in the ordinary places of their lives. Nothing to be done or bought. He just wants to be with them. They matter to him. We welcome deeper healing of our foolish hearts by using these words attributed to St Patrick to remind us that the Risen Jesus lives with us in our ordinary days. He wants to be here. We matter to him.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

I am wanted by God

*Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

I am loved by God

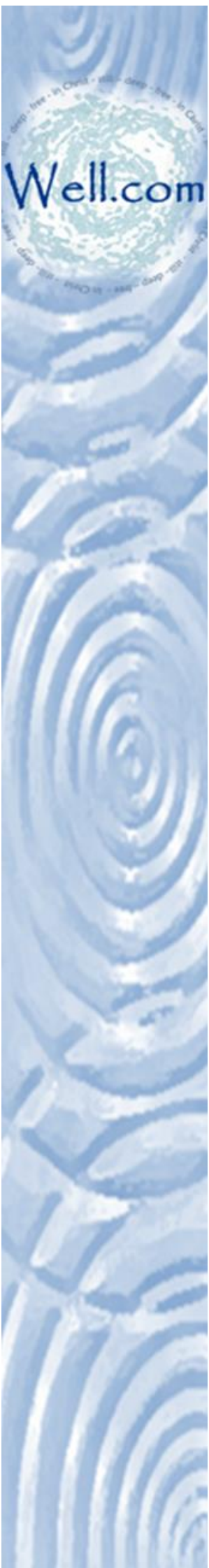
*In the presence of the Risen Jesus, I am restored
Always with me, he gives me new life each day*

I am needed by God

Lord, free us from things that do not lead to you,
free us to love as you love.

When we are wearied by hurt and pain, dogged by fear,
when we forget who you are and who we are,
help us to know that we are wrapped in your arms
help us to hear your sweet voice speaking to us
welcoming us as your beloved friends, your disciples.

We make this prayer in your holy name, O Lord **AMEN**



PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE GOSPEL John 21: 1-13

The Lord is here. [His Spirit is with us](#) *Mute*

The Risen Jesus is present with us as we read his Word. He is doing now what he did when he walked the earth 2000 years ago. In reading/listening to this gospel, you'll be able to imagine the scene playing out in your own life, in these times. Perhaps imagine people you haven't seen in a while, because of the isolation imposed on us by Covid. Don't force it. Let the gospel play out as it needs to. All that matters is that the Risen Jesus is here with you now, whether you feel him or not. He is enjoying your company.

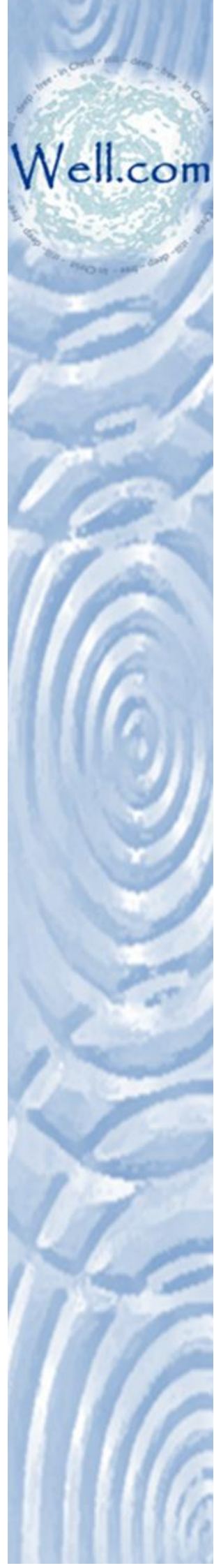
Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.¹ It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

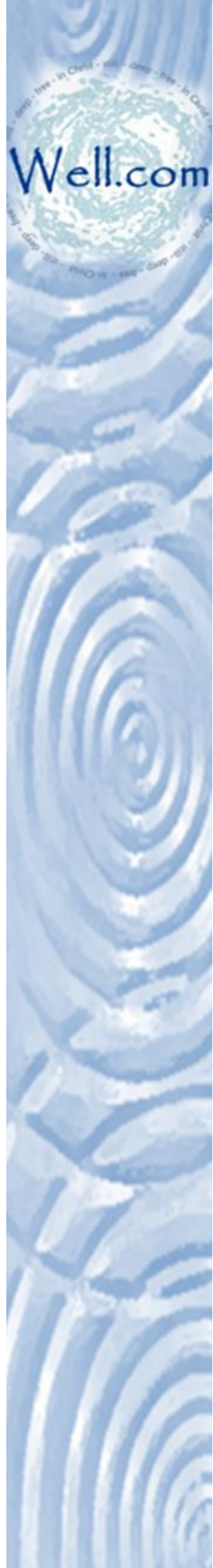


Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.



Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

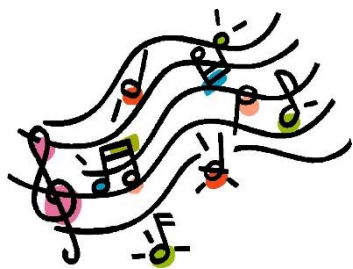
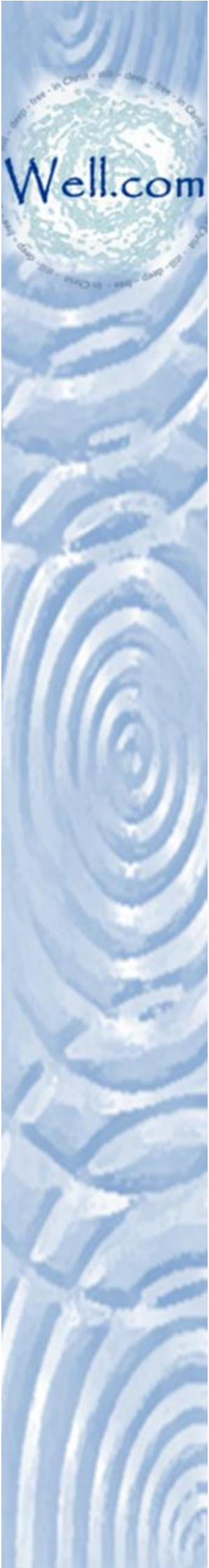


Let us unmute and say together

**Our Father
who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory
For ever and ever
Amen**

CLOSING PRAYER

Gentle Mother- Father God
Deep within
Holding us
In these Covid times
Alone. Together.
In laughter and in loss
In tears and tension
Draw us into your stillness
Open us to your quiet presence
Wrap us in the safety of your love.



Let the peace of the Father
Keith Duke

**May we rest
In the stillness of God
May we find acceptance
in the deep love of his Son
and in our coming and our going
may we experience
the freedom of the Spirit
day by day
calling us
to new life
together
in Christ**

We leave this time of prayer together asking that we live
and love:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit AMEN**

