

PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, May 2025



Feed my sheep (John 21: 1-19)

Three calls to love

This is the beauty of the gospel: that God meets us in the very place that we have failed, and God meets us there not with shame but with grace; that even when we have stood around the fire of denial, Christ kindles for us a new fire of invitation, a fire of welcome, healing, and of calling So, whether you are warming yourself by a fire of regret or standing on a shore of second chances, know this: the risen Christ is already there, tending the coals, preparing the meal, ready to speak your name again in love, and calling you to reach out to others with that same grace and care.

*From Dean Beth Bretzlaff's sermon,
Sunday, May 4, 2025*

Beside the sea, the coals burned low,
A gentle fire with morning's glow;
Fish on the flame, the silence deep—
Where love restored what grief did keep.



May you feel the warmth of God's grace surrounding, nourishing and healing you today and always.

Canon Doug

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