

A young fish is swimming around appearing disoriented. He sees an old fish who seems to be content just where she is. The young fish approaches the older fish. The older fish inquires: "Are you looking for anything in particular?" The younger fish says: "Yes! I am looking for this thing called water." The older fish says: "You are in it and it's all around you." The young fish replies: "I think I'm going to have to go and ask someone else." So off he swims to continue his search.

Like the fish in this story, we are surrounded, not by water, but by the presence of the Risen Lord. --- as real NOW as it was in past generations. Are we aware of this Presence, like the older fish is of water?

After the Resurrection, the Apostles went on living their lives. Jesus, like in today's Gospel, appeared to them. They came to know the Presence of the Risen Christ while they fished, ate, shared conversations and celebrated gatherings.

Our faith proclaims that the Risen Christ is alive and present with us in our daily lives.....when we are walking, driving, or planting flowers; when we are in a job interview, at work or buying groceries; when we are on the phone, golfing or doing laundry. There is no activity in our day in which the Risen Lord is absent. Rather, as the Gospel hints, He is alive and present in our ordinary moments and actions.

At our Eucharist today and each week, the Risen Lord is present in the words of Scripture; in the bread and wine that becomes His Body and Blood; in the waters of Baptism; in song and prayer; and in our very selves. We celebrate His Presence among us each time we gather as a community.

This week see if we can be mindful of the Risen Lord present with us each day.

My sisters and brothers: the Risen Lord is always and everywhere with us, just as water is present to a fish.