

Christ's Presence in the Day.

A small group of Jesus' closest friends spent the night fishing on Lake Galilee, puzzled and perplexed at all that had happened. To add to their misery they had caught nothing. As they approached the shore in the half-light of morning they saw a shadowy figure. When the stranger spoke, John, the beloved disciple with the insight of love recognised him. "It is the Lord", he said to his companions.

At the beginning of a new week our guests and each sister receive "a word" for the next seven days. One of these says simply, "It is the Lord." We have learned over the years to echo these words from John. He comes to us in the dawning of each new day, the smile of a stranger, the ebb and flow of the tides, an unexpected kindness and the quietness of the night. When our hearts respond, "It is the Lord" then the everyday is transformed by his presence.

He comes to us, too in the tragedies we face. In all the raggedness, fear and roughness of life, our failed hopes and bitter disappointments, something within the hearts of those who love him whispers, "It is the Lord".

In the faces of the lost, the lonely, the care-worn and sad, we see his "dear disfigured face" and as we seek to love in his Name, we know that, "It is the Lord."

Say these words often, "It is the Lord".



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