

CLAY – Worship at the Beach – 8:30-9pm

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Begin with hands folded -holding lantern

1. SIGN OF CROSS
2. RISING ORANTS - *invitation for youth to rise*
3. LOOK TO HEAVENS
 - Raise hands -palms up- slowly (breath in), lower hands -palms down- slowly (breath out): *Repeated.....*
 - Hands in the air, swaying to and fro with rhythm of the waves; *repeated*
 - Sit; *a moments of silence*

READING - *those with lanterns stand and begin to read "Jesus at the Beach" when the paschal lantern is raised; -*means a three count pause*

JESUS AT THE BEACH

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Jesus was standing on the warm white sand on the edge of the shore, a favourite place at the beach.
A large crowd gathered and pushed in on him –
so he jumped in the boat of Peter, a fisherman, who was scrubbing his nets.
The fishermen took Jesus out a little way from shore.
While floating in the waves, Jesus talked and preached to the people.
Their hearts were warmed and they felt God's presence.

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One night, Peter and his colleagues set out to fish.
Morning came and they had not caught anything at all.
Jesus was waiting for them on the beach.
Jesus told them to put the nets down again. The nets filled with fish.
Peter became a disciple on the spot and so did some of the others.
They just pulled their boats up on the sand; left them and followed Jesus.

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On a crossing of the sea, with other boats in toe, a huge storm arose.
Waves rocked the boats. There was a fear of sinking
– and guess what --- Jesus was sleeping.
The disciples were afraid to wake Jesus up.
When they did, Jesus told the wind to calm down and the sea to quiet.
And it did.
People believed because Jesus had power over the wind and sea.

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Once Jesus did a miracle on the beach, sending demons into pigs who ran down the banks and into the sea --- dead.

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Another time, Jesus insisted the disciples go ahead across the sea.

The wind came up and it was hard rowing. It became late.

At 4am Jesus came walking across the water.

Those in the boat thought they saw a ghost, but, Peter stepped out of the boat almost drowning, sure it was Jesus: and it was.

Jesus offering his hand to pull Peter out of the waves.

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After Jesus' death,

Jesus chose the beach as the place to appear to the disciples.

Once again they had gone fishing and caught nothing.

Encouraged by the sight of Jesus,

they went out again and threw the nets to the other side.

Jesus made a fire, as the nets filled with fish.

Together with Jesus they ate breakfast on the sand.

Their hearts warmed as the mist rose with the rising sun.

The Son, ---- Jesus ----- was alive on the beach, ...and in their hearts.

PRAYERS: *Sit; lift lantern, arms to the sky; lower and open hands on your knees (lotus position). A few moments of silence will follow.*

Watch for lifting of paschal lantern = repeat the word spoken: words written below.

For creation.....The waters.....The beaches.....The sun and wind

Lord Listen to your Children praying x2

Lord listen to Your children praying, Lord send Your Spirit in this place

Lord listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

For places polluted.....For places renewed

Lord Listen to your Children praying x2

For recreationFor re-creation.....For life

Lord Listen to your Children praying x2

BLESSING: 1. RISING ORANTS - *invitation for youth to rise*

2. HANDS ON HEART

3. CIRCLE HANDS UP - touch palms

4. CIRCLE ARMS DOWN -touching palms in front of chest

Breath for a few moments

5. BOW

Lanterns follow paschal lantern out of worship space. -youth follow