

Space for God Living Water

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.

I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?

Psalms 42:1-2

CONFESSION

Some wandered in the wilderness, lost and homeless. Hungry and thirsty, they nearly died. **“Lord, help!”** they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress. Psalms 107:4-6

WORSHIP

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.

Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! Psalms 63:1-3

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 4:5-15*

Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than



IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

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| Read | Slowly, several times. |
| Reflect | What does the text say? |
| Respond | How does it relate to my life? |
| Rest | I welcome God’s healing and renewal. |

he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

“Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

ANCHORING PRAYER

I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain. Psalms 143:6b

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

What did I thirst for the most?

When did I feel spiritually dry?

WISDOM

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. Revelation 22:17

I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land. Hosea 13:5

Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can’t draw fresh water from a salty spring. James 3:11-12

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me/us?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

The Lord will guide us continually,

giving us water when we are dry and restoring our strength.

We will be like well-watered gardens, like ever-flowing springs.

Amen

Isaiah 58:11 (adapted)

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit’s filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.