

XTRA! 25th February 2021

Gathering Song: *Be still and know that I am God...*

You could create a worship space set with something purple (for Lent), a cross and a candle to light.

Greeting

Peace be with you **And also with you**

Kyrie Confession

Think about the past week. Then:

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: *None as we are in Lent*

Reading *The Woman at the Well*

[John 4:3-14; The Message; A story from the New Testament.]

Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee.

To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.”

Wondering questions

I wonder why the woman was so shocked that Jesus talked to her?

I wonder why Jesus was prepared to go to somewhere where he might not be welcome?

I wonder why Jesus describes the water he gives as "living water"?

Song: *Water of Life*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H30QEVBmndA>

Prayer activity

Hold a glass of water.

Thank God for something to do with water that is good.

Then drink it! Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us to day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

**May the lightness of God go with you
May the brightness of God go with you
May he shine on all you do.
May God bless you.**

Messy Grace

Resources:

Glass of water
Purple cloth, candle, cross