



The Samaritan Woman at the Well, mosaic, 6th Century, Byzantine, Church of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy.

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Christ Church

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done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading (Lesson) from Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff

with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God, * ***and a great King above all gods.***

4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

5. The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8. Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *

***at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.***

9. They put me to the test, * ***though they had seen my works.***

10. Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

***"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."***

11. So I swore in my wrath, * ***"They shall not enter into my rest."***

A Reading (Lesson) from Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Hymn 691 *“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”*

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 4:5-42

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her,

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that

sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, Priest

Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday of Lent

Deacon: As we come to the water of Christ, let us earnestly pray to God who gives drink to all who thirst.

Leader: For God’s people throughout the world, and for those who gather in the name of Christ. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, William, our Bishop, Sally, our Bishop elect, Don our Priest, and Leslie our Deacon. From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, and the Rev. Henry Galganowicz. We pray for the Ministry of Transition Consultants, Church Discernment Committees, Ministry of Retired Clergy, the Members and Ministry of the Disciplinary Board, the Anti-Racism Team, and the Girls’ Friendly Society. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the leaders of the nations, especially Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ. For Valamir Putin, the leader of Russia and Volodymyr Zelensky, the President of Ukraine. For the Supreme Court, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all those in danger and need, remembering especially those affected by the conflict in Russia and Ukraine.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who hunger and thirst, especially the poor and the homeless.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are sick and troubled, remembering especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan*, and all others who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead especially *George Mack, Ron Pollock, The Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III* and those who care and grieve for them.

Lord, have mercy.

For our community of Riverton, for all communities represented here this morning, and for all who live and work in them.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, our friends, our companions on the way, and those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, N, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord, our God.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of Israel, who made us an everlasting covenant. Receive the prayers we offer this day for ourselves in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Duet “*Were You There?*” arr. Gordon Young

The Doxology 380 vs. 3 “*Praise God*”

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away in denial, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You made us your covenant people, and your ways are just and true.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-113 *“Holy, holy, holy”*

All: ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most Holy and Gracious God, as we journey with Jesus toward the Lenten cross, we pray not only for ourselves, but for others” known and unknown, named and unnamed” from whose lives health or happiness has fled. Bring them your comfort and peace that surpasses understanding.

Bless our world, O Lord, and by your Spirit let your harmony and justice prevail. Bless our church, uniting us in the truth of your Word and empowering us in ministry to the world. Bless our family and friends, watching over and providing peace to

them. Bless all who are suffering by embracing them in your loving arms. Bless each person here this morning, keeping us all faithful to you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate Christ's dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

Together we pray the prayer taught us: (*spoken*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation

Communion Music “*Hymns for Meditation*”

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 147 “*Now Let Us All With One Accord*”

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude “*The Death Of The Savior*” W. Billings

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Lector: Jeff Mack *Usbers:* Mike Kinzler, Harry Shea

Acolyte: Christian Gulbin, Shea Gulbin, Jeff Mack

Altar Guild: Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

Videographer: Bob Engel

Counters: Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
George Mack and *Ron Pollock*, by Helen & Jeff Mack

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Have you sent in your registration form and check yet? This is going to be a wonderful day and a great opportunity to reach out into the community. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Let's show the community Christ Church is active and offering great opportunities again. Sign up online either at our website or Facebook page and pick up a form in the back of the church.

LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY will again meet this Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 6 and study is at 7 pm. If you missed our second week of our study of "Blessed Is She" - no worries, come on and join us this week! Dinner this week will be Soup If you'd like you can add bread, some cheese/crackers or vegetables and dip.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL STUDY We will have our next study on Sunday, March 26, 4-6 p.m. and our focus is on Lent, it's meaning and how we participate in it. There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross, the making of palm crosses and a movie called "The Proud Tree". All families, grandparents and single adults are welcome! Dinner of pizza with cupcakes for dessert is provided. Please register so that we have plenty of supplies, but if you haven't registered, please come and join us anyway. Contact Linda Yansick at lyansick@aol.com.

