

June 25th 2020

Prayer

Praise the Lord, the one who set us free, the one who gives happiness, the one who forgives our sins, the one who died for us, the one who created everything. Thank you, Jesus, for your greatness! Amen.

Lectionary Reading

John 4: 1-26

The Pharisees heard that Jesus was winning and baptizing more disciples than John. ² Actually, Jesus himself did not baptize anyone; only his disciples did.) ³ So when Jesus heard what was being said, he left Judea and went back to Galilee; ⁴ on his way there he had to go through Samaria.

⁵ In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." (⁸ His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹ The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)[a]

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? ¹² It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life."

¹⁵ "Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ "Go and call your husband," Jesus told her, "and come back."

¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," she answered.

Jesus replied, "You are right when you say you don't have a husband. ¹⁸ You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth."

¹⁹ "I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. ²⁰ "My Samaritan ancestors worshiped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. ²³ But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

²⁶ Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."

Good News Translation (GNT)

Hymn 330 StF

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come !
Let earth receive her King ;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns !
Let all their songs employ ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God,
and I long for you.
My whole being desires you;
like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land,
my soul is thirsty for you.
² Let me see you in the sanctuary;
let me see how mighty and glorious you are.
³ Your constant love is better than life itself,
and so I will praise you.
⁴ I will give you thanks as long as I live;
I will raise my hands to you in prayer.
⁵ My soul will feast and be satisfied,
and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.
⁶ As I lie in bed, I remember you;
all night long I think of you,
⁷ because you have always been my help.
In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ I cling to you,
and your hand keeps me safe.

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Prayer of the Day

Spirit of God, come as the wind to move us forward; come as the dove to launch us heavenward; come as the fire to purge our dross. Amen.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)