

Friday 26th June 2020 – Living Water

Lord, I have heard the good news that you accept and love all people, including me. Grant that whatever I do this day I will be responding to this love with a humble & thankful heart. Amen.

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Lectionary Reading John 4: 27-42

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.”

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world”

Singing the Faith Hymn 457

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| 1 | Author of faith, eternal Word,
whose Spirit breathes the active
flame;
faith, like its finisher and Lord,
today as yesterday the same: | 4 | To those that in your name believe
eternal life with you is given;
then they into their lives receive,
pardon and holiness and heaven. |
| 2 | To you our humble hearts aspire,
and ask the gift unspeakable;
increase in us the kindled fire,
in us the work of faith fulfil. | 5 | The things unknown to feeble
sense,
unseen by reason's glimmering
ray,
with strong, commanding evidence
their heavenly origin display. |
| 3 | By faith we know you strong to
save —
save us, O Saviour always near!
All that we hope, by faith we have,
future and past subsisting here. | 6 | Faith lends its realising light,
the clouds disperse, the shadows
fly;
the Invisible appears in sight,
and God is seen by mortal eye. |

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
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Psalm 65

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in,
² You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.³ When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions ⁴ Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,⁵
of your holy temple.

⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the
earth and of the farthest seas,
⁶ who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their
waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.

⁹ You care for the land and water it, you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,⁹
for so you have ordained it.¹

¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers¹ and bless its crops.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks¹
and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

PRAYER

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.