

ST MARY'S LANARK

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 2011

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 17: 3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. "A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move to the forefront of the people; take with you the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice:
"Harden not your hearts."

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you really are the saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

A Reading from St John's Gospel

John 4: 5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, 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 do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -
when true worshippers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food
is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



1. Spirit of God

Spirit of God, come dwell within me;
open my heart, O come set me free,
fill me with love for Jesus my Lord.
O fill me with living water.

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Jesus, our Saviour who died for me;
we love you, we love you Lord Jesus.*

Lord how I thirst, O Lord I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water.

2. Vaster far than any ocean

Vaster far than any ocean,
deeper than the deepest sea
is the love of Christ my Saviour,
reaching through eternity.

But my sins are truly many,
is God's grace so vast, so deep?
Yes, there's grace o'er sin abounding,
grace to pardon, grace to keep.

Can he quench my thirst for ever?
Will his Spirit strength impart?
Yes, he gives me living water,
springing up within my heart.

3. The Servant

Who would ever have believed it?
Who could ever have conceived it?
Who dared trace God's hand behind it
when a servant came among us?

We despised him, we disowned him,
though he clearly hurt and suffered.
We, believing he was worthless,
never turned our eyes towards him.

Yet it was the pain and torment
we deserved which he accepted,
while we reckoned his afflictions
must have come by heaven's instruction.

4. Turn to me

*Turn to me, O turn and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me.
I call your name.*

I am he that comforts you;
who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades,
is made like the grass of the field
soon to wither.

Listen to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation:
a law will go forth from me,
and my justice for a light to the people.

5. If only you knew

*If only you knew
what I would give to you,
if only you knew
my gift today.*

I give you new life:
receive it from me.
I give you new life
for others today.

I give you my love...

I give you my peace...

I give you my word...

6. O come to the water

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord.

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
get them come to the Lord:
all who labour, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord.

7. All that I am

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
all that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

8. Lay your hands gently

Lay your hands gently upon us,
let their touch render your peace,
let them bring your forgiveness and healing,
lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

You were sent to free the broken-hearted.
You were sent to give sight to the blind.
You desire to heal all our illness.
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lord, we come to you through one another,
Lord, we come to you in all our need.
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands.

9. Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

10. Make me a channel ..

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

11. Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me when you come in
to your kingdom. (*Repeat*)