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Our theme this week is:



Peace be with you
And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of Christ's
presence with us as we gather
+ In the name of the Father ...

A sculpture of a baby being held in a large hand, symbolizing care and protection. The baby is lying on its back, with its head resting against the palm of the hand. The hand is positioned as if cradling the baby. The sculpture is made of a light-colored material, possibly stone or marble, and is set against a dark, textured background.

Isaiah 49

(I Will Never Forget You, My People)

Today, we hear a story about Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminds us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are.



Opening Prayer

God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are.

Amen.

Lord Jesus, you see all that we do.
Please help us to do what is right.
Help us to remember that we can always trust in your
love and forgiveness
Lord have mercy.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for all the bad choices we have
made. Please forgive us and help us to choose to follow
you. Christ have mercy

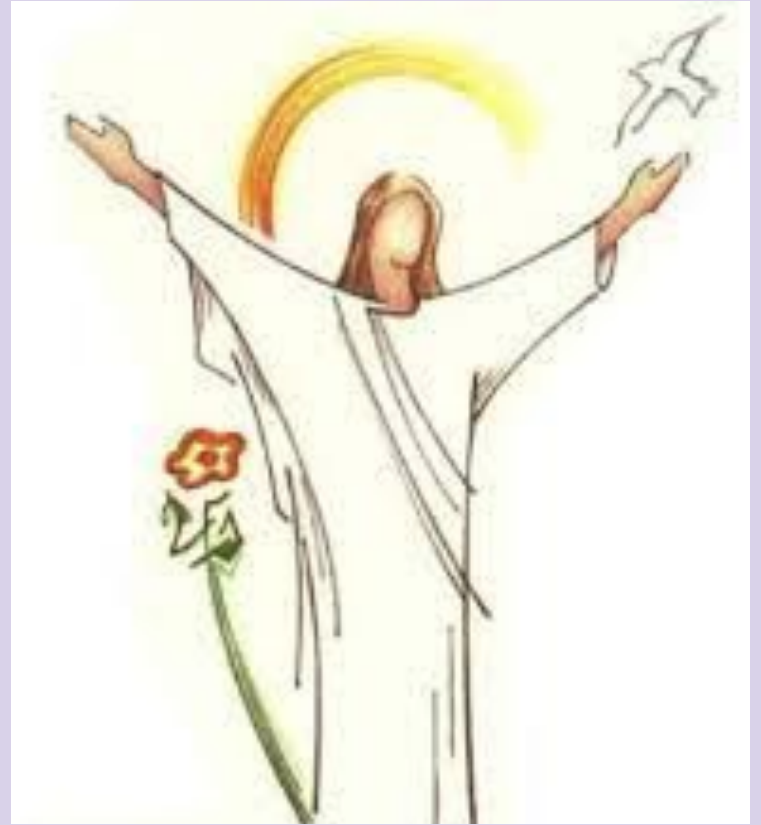
CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, you ask us to be humble. For the times we
have been boastful, Lord have mercy.

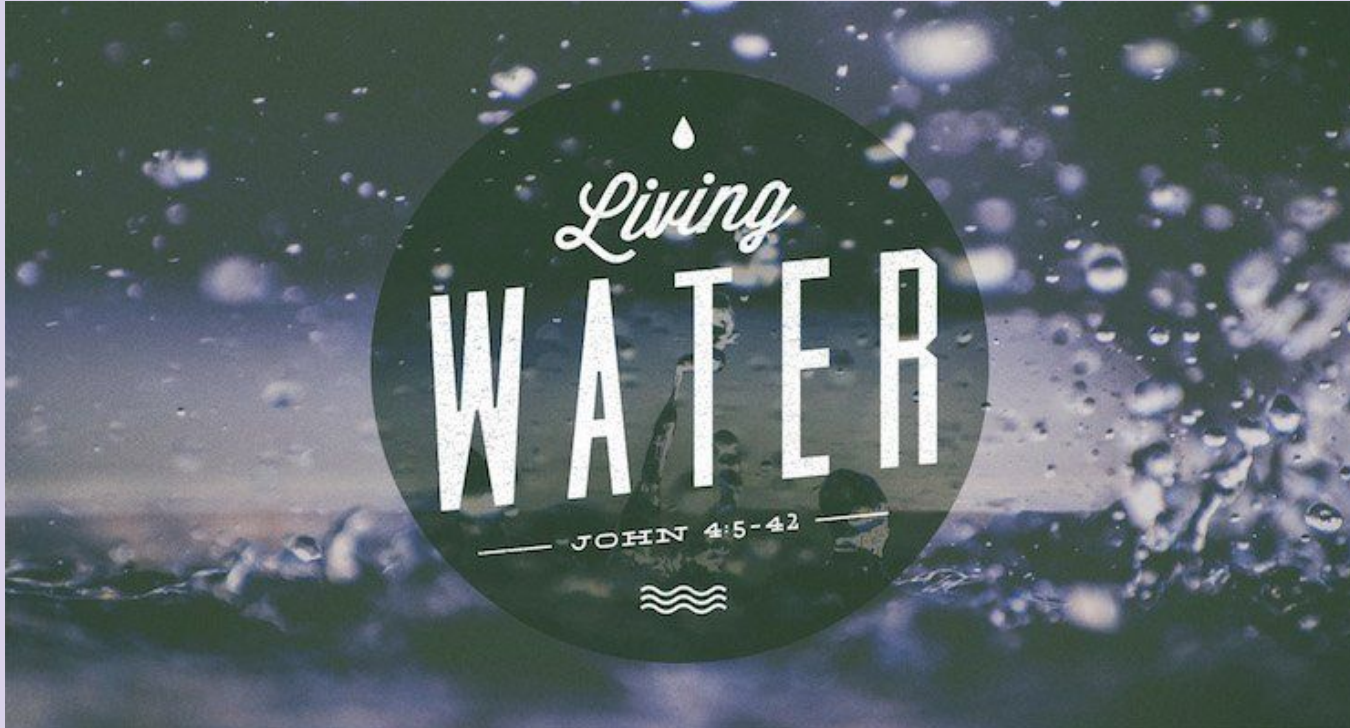
LORD HAVE MERCY



**Praise to you O
Christ, king of eternal
glory.**



A reading from the Gospel according to John:
Glory to you O Lord



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

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

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.)

Jesus answered, "If only you 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."

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

Jesus answered, “All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life.”

“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.”

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

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. 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. 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. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is.”

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

Jesus answered, “I am he, I who am talking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

Many more believed because of his message, and they said to the woman, “We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Time to reflect on God's words for us
today.



What do you remember from the reading you have just heard?

Jesus is thirsty and so he asks a Samaritan woman for a drink from the well.

The woman is surprised because normally Jews and Samaritans did not get along. It was also unusual at the time for a man to talk to a woman he did not know.

But even though it is unusual, Jesus talks to the woman anyway.

Why do you think he does this?

Jesus is showing us that God loves everyone. No matter who they are, where they come from or the colour of their skin – man or woman, boy or girl, rich or poor.

Even though we are all different, we still need the same things to live.

Can you think of what those things might be?

Just like Jesus in this story we all need water to drink. We need food to eat. A safe place to live, somewhere to learn and someone to look after us when we are sick.

Jesus shows the woman that he is Christ, the Son of God, by knowing all about her life even though he has never met her before.

How do you think this makes the woman feel?

God also knows everything there is to know about us. And God loves us. **How does this make you feel?**

Sometimes people forget that God loves us all and that we are part of one global family. They only see the differences between themselves and another group of people. This can lead to many problems.

What problems might we have when we only look at what's different between ourselves and someone else?

It can lead to people not being very nice to each other. Which can also mean that there are arguments and fighting.

Do you think this is how God wants us to treat each other? What do you think God wants us to do?

God asks us to love and care for all people no matter who they are because we are all part of one global family. To help each other when things are difficult and to work together to make the world a better place for everyone to live in.

So this week let's do what we can to help other people. Let's treat those who are different to us with kindness and respect. Let's share with others and try to live in peace.

What will you do this week to show that you care for others?

Bidding Prayers

Jesus shows us that we should treat all people kindly, even if they are different to us. And so we ask for God's help as we pray:

We pray for the Church around the world: that she may follow Jesus' example and be welcoming to all, reaching out especially to those who are poor. Lord, hear us...

We pray for people who are treated badly because they are different: that they may find comfort in God's love for all people. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that knowing we are all children of God we may respect and care for all people around the world and encourage others to do the same. Lord, hear us...

In the quiet of our hearts let's say our own prayer to God. We ask you Mother Mary to pray with us as we say:



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is
with thee,
blessed art thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of our
death.
Amen

Closing Prayer

Caring God, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in.

Amen.

Our Faith in Action



This week let us show the Gospel Value of **Courage**
and the Virtue of **Fortitude**.

We can show **courage** by:

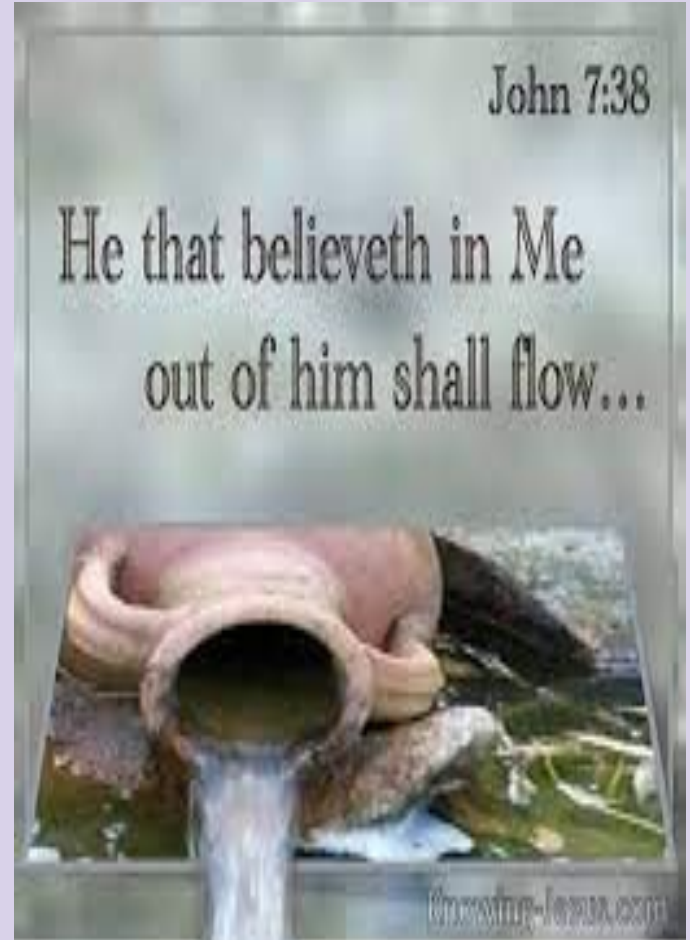
- Accepting challenges in our earning and daily lives.
- By being true to yourself and your beliefs.

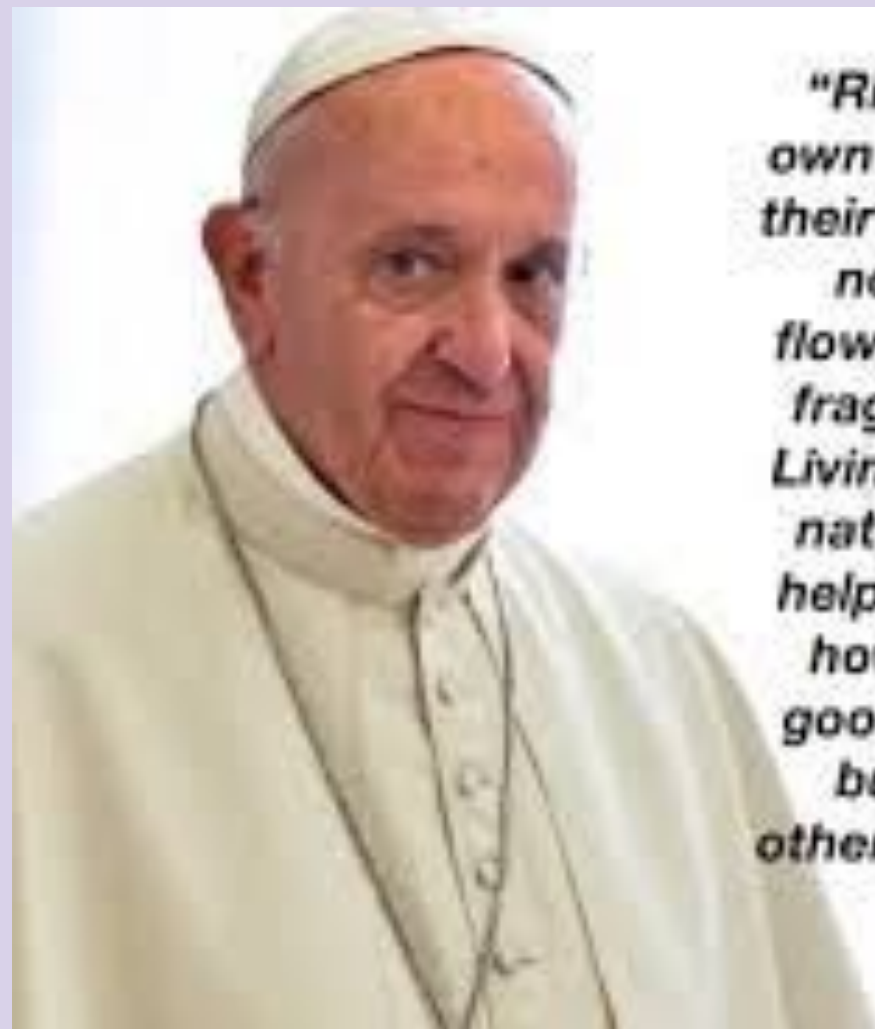
We can show **fortitude** by:

- By doing the right thing even when others may not be doing so.
- Standing up for those who, for whatever reason, aren't able to do so themselves.

May God bless us with
his mercy, strengthen
us with his love, and
enable us to walk with
courage, hope and
faith in ourselves and
you.

THANKS BE TO GOD





"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you."

- Pope Francis

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