

Lenten Service March 22, 2023

The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14): We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity.



Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." John 4:13-14

Opening Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet. Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Confession and forgiveness

L: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

C: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

L: When shall I come and appear before God?

C: **My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**

L: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love.

C: **And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

L: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

C: **Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"**

L: As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me.

C: **While they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

L: The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

L: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. Our sins are forgiven by his death and resurrection, and we are refreshed in the flood of his grace.

C: **The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life!**

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Reading John 4:7-26 **Glory to you Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message - Grace for Those Ashamed.

Hymn of the Evening/Offering: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

See from His head His hands His feet. Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure. By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure. Joys that through all time abide

Prayers: (Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer**)

Lord's Prayer (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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Benediction:

L: After this I looked, and behold, great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothes in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

C: **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

L: The grace of the lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: **Amen**

Sending Song: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God**

- Sunday, March 26th – 9am service at Kirkebo,
Nora with 10am Sunday school and 11am Service