

## *spring of water*

Third Sunday in Lent - March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Gospel reading: John 4:5-42



### Poetry

#### woman at the well

she sits on the edge of the world  
in the eye of the day  
thirsty

he speaks from the heart of the heavens  
at her kairos time  
flowing

she hears words beyond words  
bursting barriers of decency  
reaching for her

he knows all that she is  
and all that she  
can be

she speaks –  
this water she can't hold,  
it must be told

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### Questions to ponder/discuss:

What does the image evoke within you? What words, phrases or questions arise for you in the poetry? Recall a time of encounter that has strengthened your faith: who did you tell? Where do you go when you are thirsty for meaning?

### Prayer

Enduring Presence, goal and guide,  
you go before and await our coming.  
Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation,  
beyond rejection to relationship.  
Pour your love into our hearts,  
that, refreshed and renewed,  
we may invite others to the living water  
given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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