

spring of water

Third Sunday in Lent - March 8th, 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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Prayer: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayer/?y=17134&season=lent&d=lent2>

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