



UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LONG ISLAND

GLORIA DEI KING OF KINGS ST. PETER'S

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St. Peter's Campus

PRELUDE

“Agincourt Hymn”

Arr. David N. Johnson

WELCOME

Please rise as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people quarreled in the wilderness.

“Is the LORD among us or not?”

A woman came to the well at noon.

“Sir, give me this water.”

We gather thirsty.

Christ meets us here.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who brings water from rock and life from unlikely places.

Amen.

Let us confess our thirst before God and one another.

(Silence.)

God of living water,

we deny our thirst.

We complain instead of trusting.

We test you in our deserts.

We avoid the wells

where you are already waiting.

We draw from sources

that leave us dry.

Forgive our hardened hearts.

Break open what is closed within us.

Quench us with your mercy.

Hear the promise: In the wilderness, God did not abandon the people.

At the well, Christ did not condemn the woman.

Grace flowed before gratitude was perfected.

In Jesus Christ, living water is given for you. You are forgiven. **Amen.**

GREETING**KYRIE** (ELW p 156)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.**Lord, have mercy.**For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW Hymn # 858 vs 1 & 4**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!****O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!****Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!****Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!****All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!****Let the amen sound from his people again.****Gladly forever adore him!****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the desert and the well,

when we doubt your presence, you stand among us.

When we hide in shame, you speak truth with mercy.

Satisfy our restless hearts. Draw us again to your life-giving stream.

Through Jesus Christ, source of living water.

Amen.*You may be seated***READING: Exodus 17:1-7**A reading from Exodus the 17th chapter.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the

people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Change My Heart, O God*

ELW Hymn # 801

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming”

(who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

SERMON

Please rise as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW Hymn # 807

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. . . .Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

You may be seated for collection of offering.

OFFERING MUSIC

“Quiet Place”

Jean Baptiste Lully

*Quiet place of calm and meditation,
Our refuge and our restoration;
Where by a grace of Will,
The weary world is still.*

*Quiet place of blest visitation,
Within the soul's own habitation,
Deep, deep in humankind
Where spirit meets the mind.*

*There from all outside ways,
Free your heart to the center;
In that quiet place
He will enter.*

*And yes, you will know,
Oh, free from outer ways
Be your heart at its center!
In that quiet place
He will enter.*

And you will know.

[Text by Roy Ringwald]

[Chancel Choir]

Please rise as you are able

OFFERING HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW Hymn # 884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
you satisfy the thirsty and fill the empty with good things.
Receive these gifts as signs of gratitude
for the abundance you pour out.
Make us vessels of your mercy in a dry and weary land.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
. . . we join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 162

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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;
and 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me."
At this table, Christ does not ask if your faith is strong.
Christ does not require that your questions be settled.
He meets you in your need. The rock was struck. The well was opened.
The cup is poured. All who hunger, all who thirst, all who long for mercy — come.
The living water is given for you.

You may be seated

All are welcome at Christ's table. Please follow usher's directions. Wafers are to be dipped into the chalice of wine, communion kits are available in the basket.

COMMUNION SONG *All Are Welcome* ELW Hymn. 641 v. 3

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW Hymn # 777
 Let Us Break Bread Together ELW Hymn # 471

Please rise as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of living water, you have filled us again.
Send us into dry places as bearers of hope.
Send us into weary conversations with words that heal.
Keep us mindful that you are among us.
Amen.

You may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able

BLESSING

May the God who broke open the rock refresh what is weary in you.
May Christ, who met a stranger at the well, meet you in every thirsty place.
May the Spirit make you a spring of mercy for the sake of the world.
Go in peace. The Lord is among you.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Are Called* ELW Hymn # 720

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Processional" *Ernest Bloch*



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Joint Worship each Sunday at the St. Peter's Campus

10 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

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**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
We are blessed by your presence.**