

GATHERING HYMN – Father welcomes all his children (149)

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
open our ears to hear you,
open our mouths to praise you,
open our hearts to love you,
more and more. Amen.**

10am only



COLLECT

Lord God,
in the imagery of water you reveal the attributes of your Spirit.
Deepen in us a due respect for this resource
that we may fully drink of the gift of your life-giving Spirit
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 47:1-12

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?'

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water

will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Psalm 126

8am only

R Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple. R

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. R

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. R

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. R

SECOND READING

Revelation 22.1-5

A reading from the Revelation to John of Patmos

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

GOSPEL HYMN – At the dawning of creation (46)

GOSPEL

John.4.4-15

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.' 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.'

GOSPEL HYMN (reprise) – At the dawning of creation (46)

HYMN OF THE GIFTS – Water of life (SP124)

*Chorus: Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.*

All you who thirst come to the waters
And you will never be thirsty again. *Chorus*

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word,
Waters the earth and brings forth life. *Chorus*

Dying with Christ, we shall rise with Him
Death shall have no more pow'r over us. *Chorus*

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness
You will find peace in his fatherly love. *Chorus*

**COMMUNION HYMNS - Do not be afraid (132)
O let the son of God (495)**

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
Mystery of love
given and received before all foundations,
you wound our hearts,
hardened to division and indifference:
deepen our yearning for unity
and enrich our love for diversity
that the whole creation might share in your communion;
through Jesus Christ,
who makes known your love. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN - O Lord all the world (498)

**Please come and meet one another and enjoy a cup of
Fairtrade tea or coffee in the hall after the service**

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