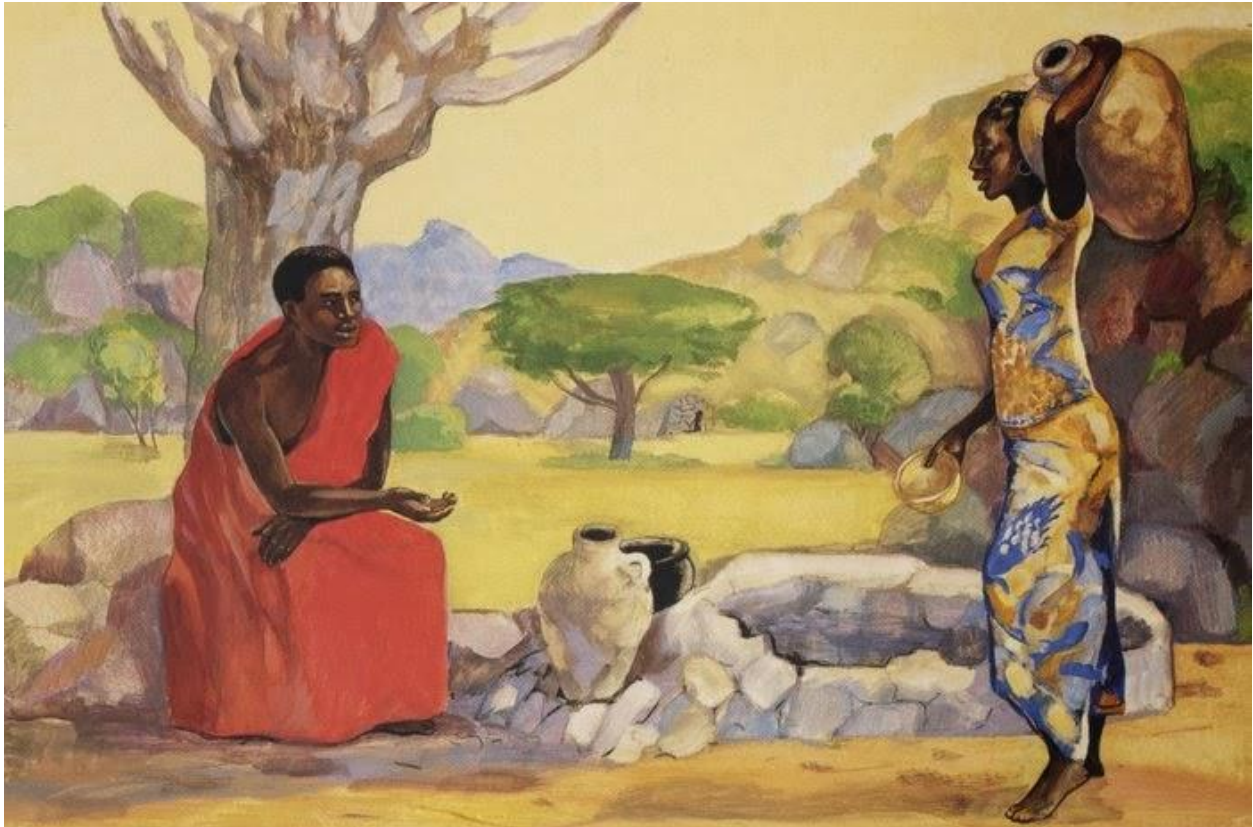


*When Jesus stopped at Jacob's Well, he engaged with a Samaritan woman, who then became one of his first missionaries. Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went.*

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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



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*The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God's mission of life?*

## **WELCOME**

AM: Good morning and welcome to worship. This morning we offer a special welcome to all persons watching our livestream for the first time. Please know we experience you as a gift from God. Trinity welcomes and affirms all persons into full participation in the life of our faith community. Welcome to worship.

## **GATHERING SONG**

 *How Great Thou Art, vv. 1 and 4*

*Hymn 856*

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!  
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"*

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## **FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION**

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**You know all the ways we fail to live according to your Word. Yet through Jesus, the Word made flesh, you provide a way out of the holes we've dug for ourselves. Through Christ's atoning work on the**

**cross, forgive us our sins, and show us how to make life-giving and life-affirming choices. Empower us to be better church members, friends, parents, children, partners, and co-workers. Let Christ's light shine through us, for the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

P: Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! In Jesus' name we pray.

**All: Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of unity, **...Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went. Teach us to treat people - whether or not they look or sound like us - like they matter, because they do. Amen.**

### **PEACE**

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
If you are gathered with friends or family, greet one another with the sign of peace.

### **WORD**

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

John 4:1-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" <sup>2</sup>—although it was not Jesus

himself but his disciples who baptized—<sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>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?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>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.”

AM: The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Tom

*A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

 *For All the Faithful Women, vv. 1 and 8*

*Hymn 419*

*For all the faithful women, who served in days of old,  
To you shall thank be given; to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.*

*Recall the outcast woman with whom our Lord conversed;  
Christ gave her living water to quench her deepest thirst.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearning; Christ offers us his word.  
Then may our lips be burning to witness to our Lord.*

P: Let us pray.

Holy Triune God, you provide a mother's nurture by giving and sustaining life. Through the women in our lives you reveal your eternal wisdom and love. We give you thanks for the women who have impacted our faith and revealed your love for us through their care. May we follow their example by our faithful living. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

AM: Let us confess our faith together with the words of the 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**

AM: If you have a prayer concern this morning, please take a moment to text it to 262-287-8098.

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After the words 'Renewing God' please respond '**Hear our prayer.**'

AM: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Satisfy our longing with true refreshment rather than fleeting pleasures. Teach us how to offer this life-giving water to others. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Droughts parch one part of the earth, while melting oceans and flood waters drown another. Show us the folly of our greed and shortsightedness, and make us part of the solution to heal our struggling planet. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Show us the places where we have been blind to your vision, and give us the wisdom and courage to

dismantle what divides us from others. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. You have revived your tired servants of all generations and sustained them with your bountiful love. Keep us steadfast until that day when we join our brothers and sisters by the crystal river in your eternal city. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord, and your life-giving water is exactly what a suffering world needs. Pour it out upon us and all those who desire an extra measure of your grace, especially... Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

P: (Here other petitions are offered.) Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: We are satisfied just being in your presence, O Lord. Accept our prayers and use us to relieve others of their searing burdens, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

AM: When we give a financial gift, we give it not to receive God's forgiveness but in gratitude for it. Give today with intentionality by reminding yourself that God is the source of all that we have. The slide outlines the different ways you can give.

Thank you and thank God for you.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

AM: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illuminate our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.



## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new  
covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your Holy Ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

 *Take My Life, That I May Be, vv. 1 and 4*

*Hymn 583*

*Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;*

*take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. [Refrain]*

*Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. [Refrain]*

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go out into the world with passion and great joy. Christ is with you.

Follow Him!

**Thanks be to God!**