



Our Lady of Peace School

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

John 4:6-11, 13-19, 28-29, 39-42

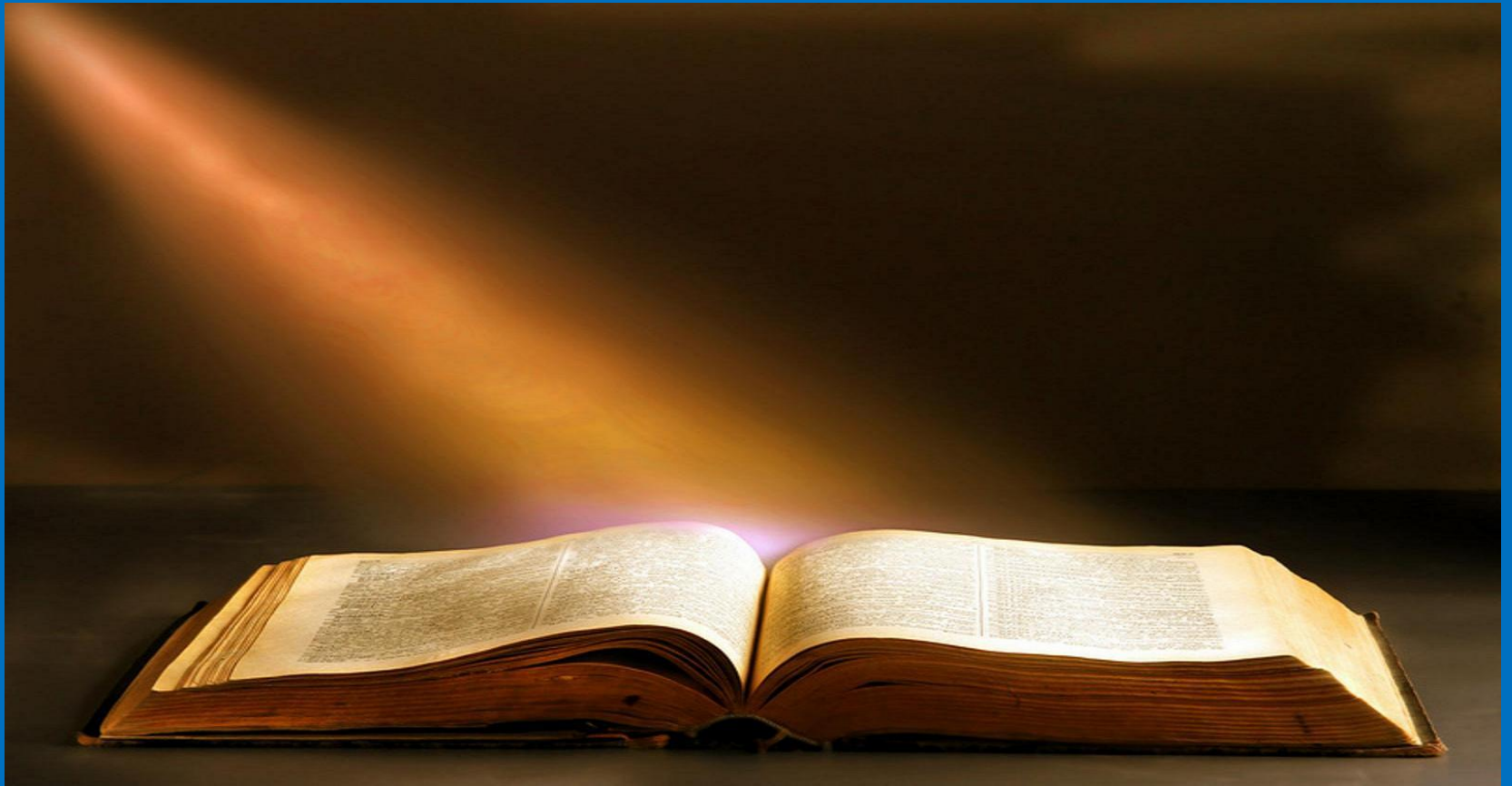
The woman at the well



Introduction

Today we will hear about a meeting between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. The Samaritans came from a place called a Samaria. The Jews from Galilee and Judaea hated them because the Samaritans had built a temple for God on Mount Gerizim, in their own country, and refused to worship at the temple in Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation



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**Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory!**

**Share your word with us O Lord, us O Lord,
us O Lord.**

**Share your word with us O Lord,
Help us to listen.**

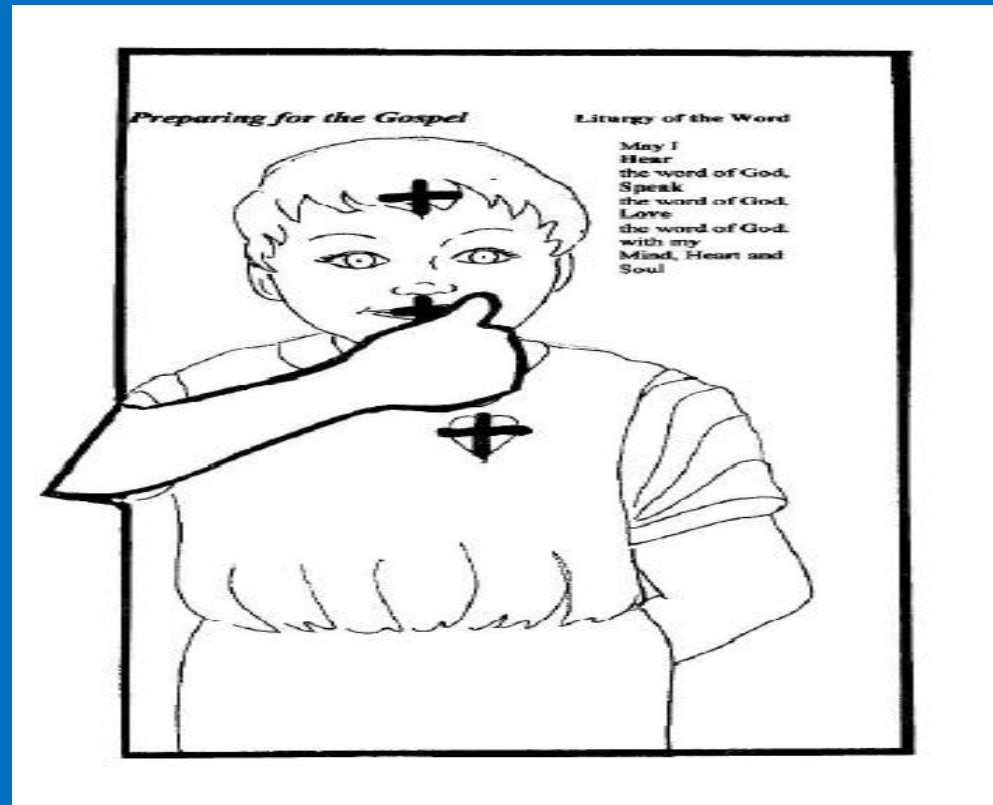
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory!**

The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



(John 4:6-11, 13-19, 28-29, 39-42)

Jesus had been walking all morning and was tired and thirsty. He stopped to rest beside a well called Jacob's Well, when a Samaritan woman came to fill her water jug at the well. Jesus asked her, "Will you give me a drink?" The woman was very surprised because the Jews and Samaritans hated one another and rarely spoke.

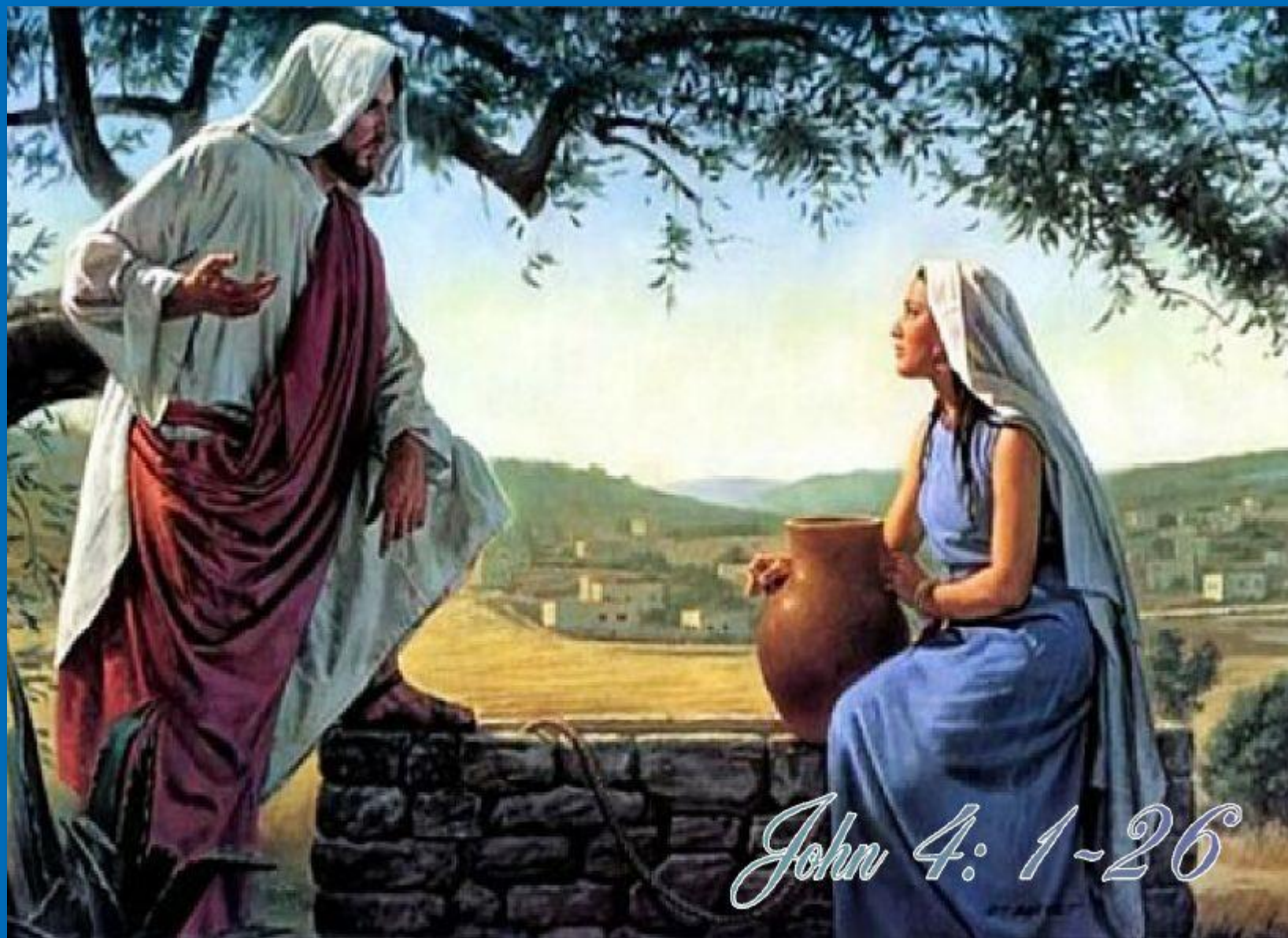
"Surely Sir, you are a Jew, why should I share my water with you?"

Jesus said, "If you knew me, it would be you asking me for a drink, for I would give you the water of life."

The woman was puzzled, "The well is deep and you have no bucket, so how could you reach this "living water"?"

Jesus said, "When you drink the water from this well, your thirst always returns. Anyone who drinks the water that I can give will never be thirsty again. This water will become a spring inside them, and fill them with eternal life."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, share this water with me." Then Jesus told the woman many things about herself that no other person knew, and she believed that He was truly the Son of God. When she told the people of the town what had happened by the well, they too came to believe that this man was the Son of God.



The Gospel of the Lord

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



Reflection 1

Why was the woman surprised that Jesus had spoken to her?

The woman was a Samaritan and Jesus a Jew, but Jesus had come to share His message with everyone, not just the Jewish people.



Reflection 2

When Jesus lived, there were no taps or water pipelines, so where did people get their water from?

Imagine what our lives would be like if we had to collect water from a well. Think about:

- washing our clothes
- having a bath
- filling a swimming pool
- Watering the garden



Reflection 3

- Water is a symbol or a sign of life, without it everything would die.
- Jesus called the “water” that He would give, the “water of life”. What do you think He meant?
- The water He was describing was the life which God gives. This life or grace is poured into our lives by the Holy Spirit. He fills us with His love and goodness so that we never have to “thirst” for God. He, Jesus, is the well of God’s love in us, from which the living water flows.



Closing Prayer

We thank you Jesus for the blessing of water;
for being able to turn on a tap and know that it will flow;
For the rain, the rivers and the mighty oceans.
We thank you for the “water of life”,
Poured out and shared with us at our baptism, and
throughout our lives,
So that we can have eternal life.
With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.
Amen

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