

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 7, 2023



Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.
AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.
HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,
EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY
OF
BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF
"GLORY TO YOU" AND "HEAVENLY KING."*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED
DEATH;
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Acts 11: 19- 26 & 29-30

A CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

MEANWHILE, THOSE WHO HAD SCATTERED AFTER THE PERSECUTION THAT AROSE BECAUSE OF STEPHEN TRAVELED AS FAR AS PHOENICIA, CYPRUS, AND ANTIOCH, PREACHING THE WORD ONLY TO JEWS. HOWEVER, AMONG THEM THERE WERE SOME NATIVES OF CYPRUS AND CYRENE WHO WENT TO ANTIOCH WHERE THEY STARTED PREACHING ALSO TO THE GREEKS, PROCLAIMING TO THEM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD JESUS. THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS WITH THEM, AND A GREAT NUMBER OF THEM BECAME BELIEVERS AND TURNED TO THE LORD.

NEWS OF THIS REACHED THE EARS OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM, AND THEY SENT BARNABAS TO ANTIOCH. WHEN HE ARRIVED AND PERCEIVED THE GRACE OF GOD, HE REJOICED, AND HE ENCOURAGED THEM ALL TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD WITH RESOLUTE DEVOTION, FOR HE WAS A GOOD MAN, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FAITH. AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE ADDED TO THE LORD.

BARNABAS THEN WENT TO TARSUS TO LOOK FOR SAUL, AND WHEN HE HAD FOUND HIM, HE BROUGHT HIM TO ANTIOCH. FOR A WHOLE YEAR THEY MET WITH THE CHURCH AND TAUGHT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IT WAS IN ANTIOCH THAT THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS.

THE DISCIPLES DECIDED TO SEND RELIEF TO THE BRETHERN LIVING IN JUDEA, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS MEANS. THIS THEY DID, DELIVERING IT TO THE ELDERS THROUGH BARNABAS AND SAUL.

John 4: 5-42

So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the town to purchase food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for some water to drink?" (Jews do not share anything in common with Samaritans.) Jesus replied,

"If you recognized the gift of God and who it is that is asking you for something to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty and have to come here to draw water." Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus told her,

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. "But the hour is coming, indeed it is already here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed it is worshipers like these that the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will reveal everything to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

At this point, his disciples returned, and they were astonished to find him speaking with a woman, but no one asked, "What do you want from her?" or "Why are you conversing with her?" The woman left behind her water jar and went off to the town, where she said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done. Could this be the Christ?" And so they departed from the town and made their way to see him.

The Time of the Harvest. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he told them, "I have food to eat about which you do not know."

Then his disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not have a saying, 'Four months more, and then comes the Messiah'?"

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields; already they are white for the harvest. The reaper is even now receiving his pay; already he is gathering the crops for eternal life so that the sower and the reaper can rejoice together.

"Thus, the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have performed the work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Jesus Is Truly the Savior of the World. Many Samaritans from that town came to believe in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they pleaded with him to stay with them, and he remained there for two days. And many more began to believe in him because of the words he spoke to them. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe simply because of what you said, for we have heard him for ourselves, and we are convinced that this man is truly the Savior of the world."

What do you hear
God saying?

Sunday Of The Samaritan Woman Word Search Puzzle

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SAVIOR TARSUS WORK MESSIAH ANTIOCH BARNABAS DISCIPLES
ANCESTORS SAMARITAN

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Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!

AMEN!