



Woman at the Well ~ Brynn Gillette

Welcome!
Anglican
Churches of
Quinte West
3rd Sunday in
Lent
March 12, 2023

Opening Hymn *Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.***

1. You moved on the waters
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep:
And over the aeons
you called to each thing:
Wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. (**Refrain**)

2. You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with sand,
And you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. (**Refrain**)

3. You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew thro' your people
on the rush of the wind. (**Refrain**)

4. You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (**Refrain**)

Opening Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Acknowledgement of Territory

Dear friends,

We gather this day on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg,
Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.

All May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

We cast our burdens upon you,

O Lord, and you will sustain us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence

and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Give us the joy of your saving help again
and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.
Blessed are you, O Holy One,
the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

Dear friends in Christ,
as we come to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Gracious God, **you provide us with living water in abundance for all to share. Nourish us with this abundance, so that we may be streams of living water to those who thirst for you; through Jesus Christ, the rock of our salvation. Amen.**

First Reading Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord; ***let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
***and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.**

For you, O Lord, are a great God, ***and a great sovereign above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, ***and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, ***and your hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. ***Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

“Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
***at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, ***though they had seen my works.**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, ***“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”**

So I swore in my wrath, ***“They shall not enter into my rest.”**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

Second Reading Romans 5: 1 - 11

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

John 4: 5 - 42

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

The Prayers of the People

God is present with us now.

Let us bring to God our prayers and concerns
for the world, the Church, and ourselves,

saying: Lord, through your love: **transform our lives.**

The Peace

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers into one,
let us pray as our Saviour 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we
could ask or imagine.**
Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church, and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP#505 Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Sunday by Sunday: Reflections on Stewardship

Lent 2 March 5, 2023 • John 3:1-17

Jesus came to earth to help in God's "rescue mission." In other words, Jesus came to help work out God's dream for creation. A faithful steward looks for ways through which s/he can also assist in helping to bring God's dream closer to reality. How are you doing?

Lent 3 March 12, 2023 • John 4:5-42

"God is not tied to place, and those who truly worship God must worship him as he truly is, without regard to place." How many of us feel that we can only truly worship God in that space we call "our Church"? We know this to be questionable, and yet it's seems so difficult for many to actually put this into practice. The faithful steward is one who realizes that God is not tied to a single building, not matter how beautiful or nostalgic it may be.