

# PENTECOST 8 SUNDAY

July 18, 2021

Classical Guitar Preludes: Favourite selections played by Jim Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus said to her: “The hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the father in spirit and truth, for the father seeks such worship and such worshippers. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4: 23-24)

**We who gather for worship are seeking to offer up worship that is sincere, truthful, honest, focussed on our hearts rather than on appearances.**

We who gather for worship live in a world where we are being evaluated, compared and measured all the time.

**We come in search of our value as God measures and defines it. We come to rebuild ourselves on a ground of worth that is greater than all other grounds that influence us.**

**Let us worship God together!**

**Hymn: The first one ever**

**No. 664**

1. The first one ever, oh, ever to know  
of the birth of Jesus was the maid Mary,  
was Mary the maid of Galilee,  
and blessed is she, is she who believes.  
Oh, blessed is she  
who believes in the Lord,  
oh, blessed is she who believes.  
She was Mary the maid of Galilee,  
and blessed is she, is she who believes.

2. The first one ever, oh, ever to know  
of Messiah, Jesus when he said, “I am he,”  
was the Samaritan woman  
who drew from the well,  
and blessed is she, is she who perceives.  
Oh blessed is she who perceives the Lord,  
oh, blessed is she who perceives.  
‘Twas the Samaritan woman  
who drew from the well,  
and blessed is she, is she who perceives.

3. The first one ever, oh, ever to know  
of the rising of Jesus, his glory to be,  
were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene,  
and blessed are they, are they who see.  
Oh blessed are they who see the Lord,  
oh, blessed are they who see.  
They were Mary, Joanna and Magdalene,  
and blessed are they, are they who see.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "As water to the thirsty"      words: T. Dudley-Smith; music B. T. Coleman

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-30, 39-42

<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.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 17The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' 19The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such worship and such worshippers. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.' 25The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

27 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?' 28Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They 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 Saviour of the world.'

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

WORSHIPPING IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "Jesus met the woman at the well"

by the Reverend (Blind) Gary Davis

*Soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

## Hymn: With the Lord as my guide

No. 574

1. With the Lord as my guide  
I will walk through the desert,  
rest by the water, run in the wind.  
With the Lord by my side  
I will stand on the mountain,  
drink from the fountain of  
love deep within.

2. With the Lord as my guide  
I will see all the talents,  
accept the balance of who I am.  
With the Lord by my side  
say yes to the calling,  
fear not the falling,  
trust in God's plan.

3. With the Lord as my guide  
I will work with my sister,  
care for my brother,  
bend with their pain.  
With the Lord by my side  
we will rise up together,  
strengthen each other, courage regain.

4. With the Lord as my guide  
I will rise in the morning,  
praise for the dawning  
beauty of day.  
With the Lord by my side  
I will sing, sing forever,  
always a lover, seeking God's way.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: "Come to the waters"

G. F. Handel

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