

He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, ‘This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit

The word of the Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Chris Gregory

Psalm 91:1-4

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

The word of the Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep:
how could you get this living water?
Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank
from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside them, welling up to
eternal life.'

The word of the Lord
ALL: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Deacon Eric Cooney

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe Poppy in light;
give her the new life of baptism and welcome them into your holy Church.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Through baptism and confirmation,
make her your faithful follower and a witness to your gospel.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

May the affectionate love and care of Felix and Elizabeth for each other
help Poppy to know that God is love.

May their lives be examples of faith to inspire her.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have gone before us,
especially family members of those gathered here today.

Grant them peace in your heavenly kingdom.

May God reward them for their goodness.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

WISHES FOR A CHILD

Atalanta Henderson

May you know the gift of friendship
 Feel the sun upon your face
May you win displaying dignity
 And accept defeat with grace
May you marvel at the wonders
 Of nature and the earth
 May you value education
 And know your own true worth
May you live and love with honesty
 And do the thing that's right
May you stand up for the helpless
 And sleep in peace at night
 May you thrive upon a challenge
 And sing and dance and laugh
May you know the joy of parenthood
 And follow your own path.

ANNOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

BLESSING OF THE WATER

PROFESSION OF FAITH

BAPTISM