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Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*

*The service is built around John 4*

Welcome

Prelude

Gospel Reading

[Jesus] left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

Greeting

A mixture of spirit and truth,

***we worship God with reason intertwined with impassioned grace.***

A mixture of Taizé, hymns, a chorus, a step in time, a rhyme in a language few find easy,  
***we sing our praise with bells and shakers, organ and oud.***

A mixture of cultures, languages, values, styles,

***we look to Jesus, who waited at a well for a stranger, a woman stranger, a strange woman.***

A mixture of needs, creeds, deeds, speeds

***we gather around the table where the bread is life,***

and the water is living,

***feeding us so we become a body, welcoming, forgiving, healing,***

a mixture of spirit and truth,

***in the name of the Blessed Trinity, one God, now and ever.***

Hymn

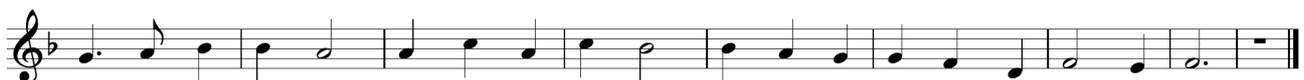
**Who is my mother**

Shirley Erena Murray

Ian Render: Aotearoa/New Zealand



1. Who is my moth - er? Who is my broth - er? All those who ga - ther round Je - sus Christ:  
2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - belled wi - den the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ,  
3. Love will re - late us col - or or sta - tus can't se - gre - gate us round Je - sus Christ;  
4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ.



Spir - it - blown peo - ple born from the Gos - pel sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.  
crut - ches and stig - mas, cul - tures' e - nig - mas all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.  
fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings, all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.  
Here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er, kin - dred in Spir - it, round Je - sus Christ.

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Gospel Reading

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.)

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God, unafraid to be a trinity,  
celebrating community,  
dancing toward an inviting unity,  
when we pull into ourselves  
as if we, alone, could stand,  
and dismiss out of hand those we don't want to understand,  
*forgive us.*

### Kyrie

Jón Ólafur Sigurðsson, Iceland, 2011

Choir

Drott-inn, Guð fað-ir, mis-kunn-a þú oss. Drott-inn, mis-kunn-a þú oss.

*Lord God, our Father, have mercy on us.  
þú is pronounced thú*

Reconciling God,  
when we no longer know how to converse with those with whom we disagree,  
when explaining and proclaiming usurp the gentle humility of listening  
when taking sides drowns out compassion  
and staking our claims leaves no room for the pain of others,  
*forgive us.*

Choir

Krist-ur, Guðs son-ur, mis-kunn-a þú oss. Krist-ur, mis-kunn-a þú oss.

*Christ, God's son, have mercy on us.*

God whose end and beginning is love,  
*we confess that we do not love you with all our heart, or mind, or will.  
that we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.  
that we fail at following your Beloved, Jesus Christ.  
Forgive us; heal us; grant us peace.*

Choir

Guð. helg-ur and-i, mis-kunn-a þú oss. Drott-inn, mis-kunn-a þú oss.

*þú is pronounced more as thú  
God, Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.*

### Gospel Reading

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.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.’ 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.’

## Words of Grace

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Living Water, source of wholeness, stream of mercy,  
welling up, like the fountains on the Place de Nations, with smiling surprise:  
quench the thirsts that pull us down,  
confounding us with false claims,  
surrounding us with potions shamelessly unhealthy,  
so that your love is poured into our hearts,  
quelling the desires that hold us bound,  
and we be found in your love,  
reconciled with ourselves, each other, and with God,  
through you, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Acclamation

### Mine voin mennä

English, Per Harling

Pekka Simojoki: Finland

Dm Dm/C Gm/Bb Dm/A A7 Dm Gm F/A C

1. Min - ne voin men - nä, min - ne voin men - nä? I - kui - sen e lä - män sa - no - ja hain.  
1. Who shall we turn to, who shall we turn to? Who has the words of e - ter - nal life?

Gm Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm A7 Dm

Si - nul - ta, Jee - sus, löy - sin ne vain, Si - nul - ta, Jee - sus, löy - sin ne vain.  
1. Turn - ing to Je - sus we'll find the word. Turn - ing to Je - sus we'll find the word.

## Gospel Reading

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ 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 one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I 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 said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, 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 know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

## Reflection

Andy Willis

Hymn

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Rusty Edwards

Early American melody

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - a - ting light; praise the One who frees the  
 2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word; praise the One who drove out  
 3. Praise the One true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place. Je - sus died and rose for  
 pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing  
 de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the  
 man - y that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing  
 ev - ery dread dis - ease, calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
 what our God has done. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 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. He is seated at the right hand of the Father and 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*

Prayers of Intercession

Gospel Reading

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

Reflection

Andy Willis

Passing of the Peace

God's love has been poured into our hearts, so we share the peace of Christ with one another.  
 The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*And also with you.*

Gathering of Gifts

*Golgātas krusta* choir  
 Latvian: Edgars Rumba, 1904-1943. English, Terry MacArthur.  
 Music, Jānis Kaijaks: Latvia.

1. Golgotha's shadow, spring of peace for the firey heart,  
 source of cool water drowning sin in its rushing flow,  
 precious the drops of red that promise a refreshing start,  
 there, sin that's blood red is made pure like the sunlit snow.
2. Golgotha's shadow, where the enemy is not let in,  
 sin has no courage for the battle against the cross.

What once enticed and charmed no longer has power within.  
Golgotha's shadow, the assurance that sin has lost.

The Prayer over the Gifts

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Sanctus

♩ = 80

Missa No 3, Urmas Sisask: Estonia  
*cresc.*

*p* *mp* *p*

Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, pü - ha on Vä - ge - de Ju - mal,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Al - might - y, ho - ly are you God, Al - might - y,

*mf*

Ju - mal. Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, on pü - ha Vä - ge - de  
Lord God. Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly are you God, yes ho - ly, Lord God Al -

*mf*

Ju - mal. Tae - vas ja maa on täis Si - nu au. Hoo - si - an - na  
might - y. Heav - en and earth are full of your glory, so we sing Ho -

*p* *pp* *f*

kôr - ges. Tae - vas ja maa on täis Si - nu au, Hoo - si - an - na  
san - na. Heav - en and earth are full of your glory, so we sing Ho -

*mp* *p*

kôr - ges. Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, pü - ha on  
san - na. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Al - might - y, ho - ly are



1. For ev - ery - one born, *All* a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and  
 2. For wo - man and man, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the  
 3. For ev - ery - one born, to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to

bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

*Refrain*

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head, and  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,  
 com - pas sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -  
 a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

*Chords:* G, C, D(sus4), G, C, D(sus4), Am7, G/B, C, D(sus4), G, G/B, C, D(sus4), Em7, Em7/D, C, D(sus4), G, C, G/B, Am7, G, D(sus4)

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