

Thought for the day – Tuesday 16th March 2021

The woman at the well – Rev John Marshall

One of my favourite stories is that of Jesus meeting with the Samaritan woman, who was able to give him a drink. Their conversation leads on to the woman sharing what she knows of Jesus with her neighbours. It is a good story of Jesus and the woman breaking down taboos.

I would like to share a poem on the topic from “Divine Inspiration – the life of Jesus in World Poetry.

Like the Samaritan Woman by the Well

Hae-in Lee.

She is a Korean Benedictine nun, Sister Claudia and one of Korea’s most popular poets.

Lord, won’t you come and quietly speak
as if asking me for one cup of water first
like you did the Samaritan woman who came
to draw water out of Jacob’s Well?
You know that since I’m a sinner
I lack courage ---

Speak quickly, please,
I want to hear directly from you today
who I am
and who you are
and what our encounter means

I keep drawing water for you
from the well of daily life
in my small shabby bucket
but won’t you show me a way

to draw water without any bucket at all?

From the moment you took your place beside me,
deep pure well of water that you are,
every day has been a new festival for me.
My long stagnant sorrow and thirst
like drops of water in my jar
have risen up to dance, all smiling now.

The happiness of meeting you is such
I may forget for a moment how sinful I am;
I hope you will forgive me?
Lord the happiness of loving you
can really not be kept hidden

Greet me now to go running farther
like that Samaritan woman beside the well
who left her pitcher and ran to the village.
To bring many others to you
And also
to tell about the living water ----