

# QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

### MARCH 2021

During March we are in the season of Lent. The themes we are following on Sundays are not specifically focussed on Lent and so the four Midweek services will focus more closely on Lenten themes.

### **Week 3 – Water to Drink and Water of Life**

#### **Leader:**

O Christ, as you spoke with the woman at the well and drank from her cup to the scandal of your disciples because of her reputation as well as her gender, grant that we, who have a tendency to be scandalised by everyone except ourselves, may learn from you to refrain from judgment, to accord respect to all God's children, and so be privileged to hear their witness.

#### **Opening Responses**

Pilgrim God striking water in the desert

**REFRESH US AND QUENCH OUR THIRST**

Revealing God sitting by the well side

**REFRESH US AND TEACH US TRUTH**

Dancing God moving over the waters

**REFRESH US AND BRING US LIFE**

**Read:** Exodus 17 verses 3 – 7

**You may wish to include a piece of music or something visual [here](#).**

**Read:** Psalm 95

### **Prayer**

Be known to us in this place and wherever we pause to be near you, O Christ.

Take us by surprise if we cannot believe that you would visit us.

Meet us wherever you will so that we may receive the wonder of your living water for this day and all that lies ahead.

### **THIS WE PRAY IN YOUR NAME.**

Lord God, forgive us if we underestimate your love.

When we confine it to certain people and places, and when we fail to recognise it in our own midst, shock us out of our assumptions, and narrow views of you, we pray.

If we cannot imagine that you would ask us for water to refresh your life in the world, Jesus Christ, open our eyes to the places where you sit and wait.

When we fail to feel gratitude for those who have gone before us, and when we fail to have faith that there will be people to come after us in your Church, forgive us and restore us

**FOR WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE AND WE NEED YOUR GRACE.**

And now hear us as we pray in Jesus' words, saying:

## **OUR FATHER**

**Read:** John 4 verses 5 - 42

### **Reflection**

This should take the form of an introduction from the leader of 5 – 7 minutes **maximum**, and designed to stimulate discussion on the subject. **You might reflect on what it means to be really hungry or thirsty, or on what the Gospel passage says about Jesus' attitude towards women, or about what it means to be hungering and thirsting for truth or faith in our lives.**

This part of the service might involve music something visual; it might involve silence

### **Prayer**

This is a time for prayers for the world, for the communities in which we live; for the Church; **for people in many parts of the world who have no clean water and who suffer as a result from disease; for those who thirst for opportunities in their lives or for faith;** for those known to us to be in particular need of our prayers; for ourselves.

## **CLOSING RESPONSES**

We are God's people loved and cherished

**WE GO OUT IN JOY**

We are God's people called and challenged

**WE GO OUT IN JOY**

We are God's people refreshed and forgiven  
**WE GO OUT IN JOY**