

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 24, 2008

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Toccata avanti la Messa delli Apostoli

Girolamo Frescobaldi

As the bells are rung the congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Rock of our salvation, **we confess that we live in opposition to your gracious will for us.**

We have failed to be a blessing to others by turning our backs on the needs of the poor, and by exploiting your creation without regard for those who come after us. By our sins, we are exiled from your presence; our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. Breathe your Spirit on us, O God, that we may live. Amen

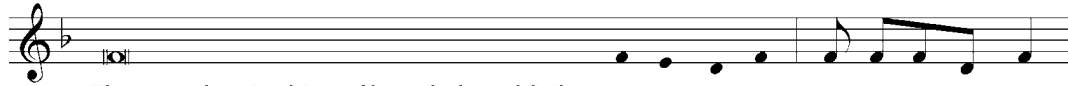
God's love is shown to us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. In the name and for the sake of Christ, I say to you: All your sins are forgiven. In the waters of baptism you were joined with Christ, reborn as children of God, and anointed with the Holy Spirit. You are free to live as God's people in the world. **Amen**

Kyrie – Sung by the Choir in Procession

Plainsong – *Kyrie Cunctipotens genitor Deus*

Organ Versets – *Kyrie delgi Apostoli*, Girolamo Frescobaldi

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And al - so with you.*

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.
Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your
truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Sung by All to ELW Tone 5, page 337.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

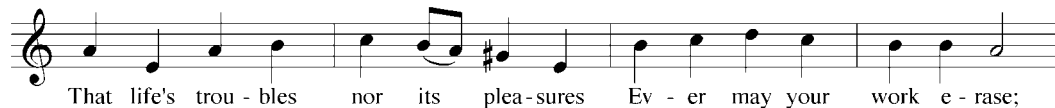
The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,




Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ___ chap-ter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:



The Gos-pel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People –

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Anthem, at the Offering If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee arr. Jody W. Lindh

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.



Cast me not a-way from thy pres-ence; and take not thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.



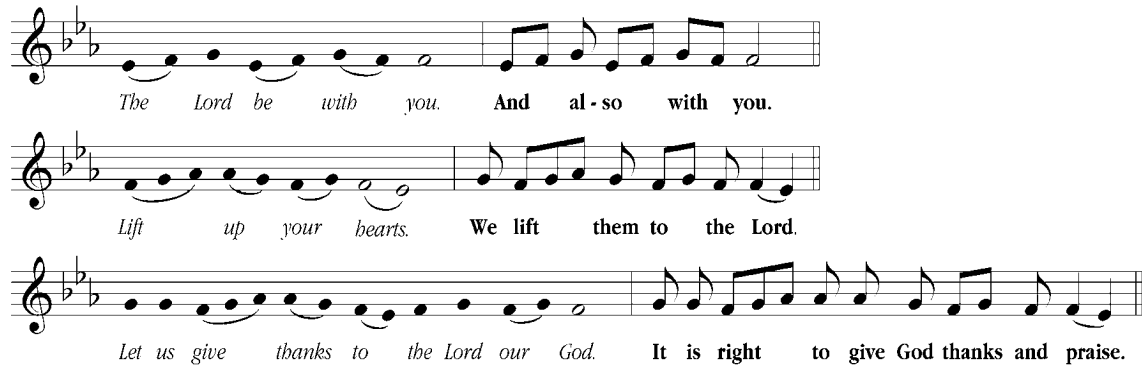
Re-store un-to me the joy of thy sal-va-tion: and up-hold me with thy free Spir-it.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

In these days and in that time, says the Lord, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come; they shall come weeping as they seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, and they shall come and join themselves to the Lord by an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.

God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

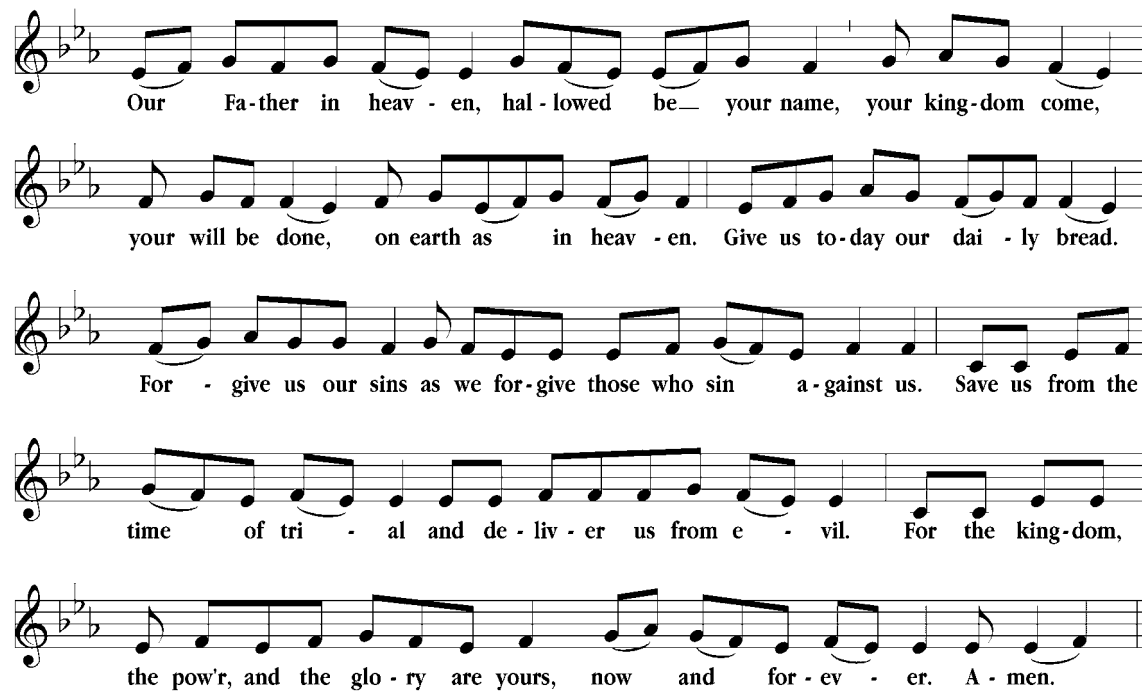


The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface and Sanctus – No. 190

Eucharistic Prayer, Acclamations and Amen

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be— your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O— Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
1-2. Have mer - cy up - on us! 3. Grant us thy peace!— A - men.

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Voluntary

Toccata per l'Elevatione

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Hymn, No. 462

Now We Join in Celebration

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Post Communion Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Canzona quarti toni dopo il postcommunio

Girolamo Frescobaldi

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana, a congregation “Reconciled in Christ” that has been racially diverse since 1954. Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the Attendance Registration booklet located in the pews. Please join us following the Service for refreshments and hospitality.

The Music of the Liturgy

The organ music is drawn from the second of three Organ Masses published in 1635 by Girolamo Frescobaldi, organist at St. Peter's in Rome. The Toccata avanti ("before") the Mass is a reflective contrapuntal composition, not a virtuosic display that the title more often suggests. The Kyrie is performed in *alternatim* between the choir and the organ; the organ *versets* are polyphonic settings of the Gregorian melodies sung by the choir. The toccata played during the Distribution and intended to be played during the Elevation of the Host, is set in the third (Phrygian) mode, which was used at the time to portray the "unspeakable" or the mystic. The concluding Canzona is a spirited contrapuntal composition written in the fourth (Hypophrygian) mode ("quarti toni") to be played "after the Postcommunion" – i.e., the Postlude.

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Servants at God's Altar

Presiding Minister	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Rich Gillam
Deacon II	David Juilfs
Lector	Joyce Byamungu Waguti
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Kane Borders
Torchbearers	Caroline Borders, Alex Brown
Bookbearer	Lars Sorenson
Ushers	Nicole Ruman Skinner, David Skinner, Joyce Byamungu Waguti
Altar Guild	Judy Floy
Tellers	Michael Olson, Salome Burton, Ron Mueller
Hospitality Hosts	Tom VandenBosch, Kathy Garrison

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Robert Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Kathy Garrison, Herman Davis, Sr, Ronald DiGregorio, Norman Forness, Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, George Krafthofer, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Julio Azpuru-Bernhard (Azpuru); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Betty Childers (Wassum); Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Denise Smith (Burton); Val Smith (Pizza); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim & Marge Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Ada Velasquez and Beimer (The Lydians); Jessica Velasquez and Kaylee (The Lydians); Jancye O. Washington (Burton); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Lyle Forness, especially his brother Norman Forness. Mr. Forness died on Saturday, February 16th.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Al Young, Debrah, Young, Michael Young, Christine Chase and Diane Durbin on the death of their father, Althea (Nute) Young, Sr. Pastor Theiss presided at his funeral on Wednesday, February 20th.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee:** Ruth Sorenson, Chair, Josephine Allen, Brian Danaher, Robert (Chip) Fenton, LeeAnn Hart, Tommie Robinson, Jr., and Rebecca Roth, *ex officio*.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks and may be renewed by notifying the office.

February stewardship update: As of February 7 we had 70 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$239,788 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. Pledges continue to come in. If you've not yet returned yours, please return it and your time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. Or alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our asst. financial secretary, John Isbell, jsi34@msn.com

Mortgage Madness Rush Update: Our Mortgage Madness Campaign renewal is off to a great start! From the beginning of Advent in December through the first Sunday in February we received \$52,733 in Accessibility contributions – over five months in mortgage payments. Approximately \$120,000 is needed to cover a year's payments. Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay down principal. During the past year we were able to pay off \$50,000 in principal. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, designated for Accessibility. Some benchmarks: \$10,000 = one month's mortgage payment; \$7,500 = three weeks; \$5,000 = two weeks; \$2500 = one week; \$333 = one day. Received last week -- \$ 2,103.00

– Today, February 24, 2008 –The Third Sunday of Lent–

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Trust (Hannah, the Centurion, Stephen)

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, children ages 5 and up exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms - Rooms 303a and 303b. Elementary class for ages 5-10, Middle school class for ages 11-14. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15.

Nursery Program: Nursery available for children up to age 5 during worship service.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of the Month – Collection of items for our Food Pantry

Augustana's Evangelism Team is reorganizing! The Team meets today after the service in **Room 118**. We'll be looking at Evangelism in its broadest sense - and then planning "good news" activities for the coming year. If you're interested, we invite you to join us. Jim Heinemeier serves as chair of this vital committee.

Chat with the Bishop at Reformation: The Washington Metro DC Chapter of Lutherans Concerned is sponsoring a "Chat with the Bishop" today at 5:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation to discuss GLBT issues in the Synod and future RIC training opportunities. All are welcome. For more information contact Philip Moeller, 202 543 1282

– This Week –

Wednesday, February 27^h: Lenten Wednesday Services

6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread Supper in the Social Hall

7:00 p.m. – Office of Vespers in the Chancel; Meditation led by Tommie Robinson, Jr.

Thursday, February 21st: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, March 2, 2008 – Fourth Sunday in Lent –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Courage (Shiprah and Puahm Nathanm The Man Born Blind)

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Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-3; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Hospitality Hosts: Rebecca Roth, Jennifer Renne, Amy Yergey, Rob Gibbs

– **Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements** –

The Worship & Music Committee will have a table today and the next two Sundays in the Social Hall during Hospitality Hour to receive your contributions for Easter Flowers and the Landscaping Project. See the insert. Your support of this program will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Audit Committee for this year. No experience necessary, just an inquisitive nature. Contact John McKirgan at 301-762-1879.

During the Sundays of Lent Adult Forum will feature a special Bible study, "Neglected Voices: Biblical Spirituality in the Margins." The series will focus on the stories of lesser-known Biblical characters whose encounters with God offer important insights for our own modern journeys of faith. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 am in the library.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION

In the early church, immediate preparation for baptism at Easter was heightened by the proclamation of gospel stories chosen especially for the last Sundays in Lent. We hear these readings today and in the Sundays to come.

Today's gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman asking Jesus for water. It is an image of our great thirst for God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness. It is an image of God's grace freely given to us in scripture, baptism, the holy supper, and the faith of our brothers and sisters. The church invites all who seek God to come to these good things where we encounter the one who gives us life-giving water.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Today's reading is one of several that tell of experiences during the wilderness wandering. In this case, the people complain because they have a legitimate need, and God responds by providing for them. Later in their wanderings, when the people complain because of their wants, God responds with anger.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why

do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Through Jesus' death on the cross, sinners have been put right with God through faith. And being made right with God produces results--ultimately, sure hope for the future, a hope produced and confirmed by God's Spirit.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

In the culture of Jesus' time, Jews tended to avoid dealings with Samaritans, and men did not converse with women in public. When Jesus crosses these boundaries to speak with a Samaritan woman, he makes himself known as the agent of God who knows all.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ 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.)¹⁰ 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."

¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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." ¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus 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 worshiped 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 worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him 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."

²⁷Just 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.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many 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 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 Savior of the world."