

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP 4

THIRSTY

This Week's Gospels *John 19:28-30, Matthew 25:37-40*

The Gospel Of John

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Gospel of Matthew

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Homily by Remington Rawls

When Jesus was on the cross, he said "I'm thirsty". Did he really just want some wine or was he thirsty for something more? What are you thirsty for because I think everyone is thirsty for something? I was thirsty for something, I wanted to play football when I was in the 5th Grade. I was sitting with a bunch of the boys and then decided to walk up to the field and ask if I can play. The coaches looked at me like, this kid is not good enough to play and they were probably right at the time. I really wanted to play though. So, I asked my friends if they could help me and they said yes. They worked on my catching and running and tackling with me and I got better and better. There was a lot of hard work and a lot of sweat. In the Texas heat there were days that I didn't think I was going to make it but this hard work led me to fulfilling my dream of playing football.

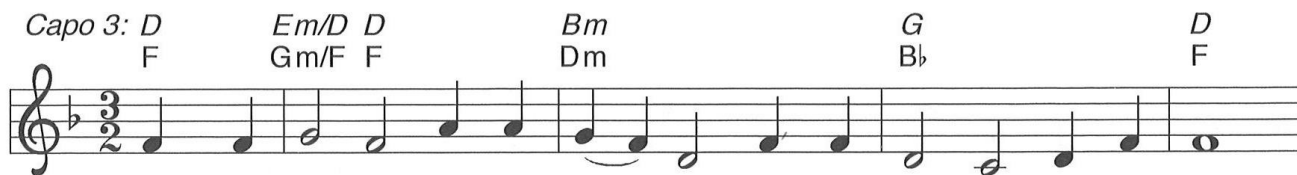
Everyone is thirsty for something. I was thirsty to play football but God has a thirst to save the world. In Matthew 25:37-40 it says, "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, 'truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Just like my friends who helped me become better at football, we can be the hands of God, bringing goodness and love into the world. When we see people who are thirsty for something, we can help them overcome obstacles and fulfill their dreams. We learn how to do this through the example of Jesus who shows us how to feed the hungry, give drinks to the thirsty, reach out to the stranger, help those in need, and love one another.

I can't imagine how Jesus felt up on the cross. I bet there was a lot of things he wanted and needed while up there. I'm sure he needed a drink of something. I'm sure he wanted to come down off the cross because of the pain he was in. Jesus experienced the same physical suffering and needs, just as we do. His endurance on the cross serves as an example for us to persevere through hard times and trusting God and his plan. Even though it makes sense for Jesus to have been thirsty, I'm sure it took people by surprise that he didn't say something bigger than "I'm thirsty". Were his needs met when someone put a sponge of sour wine up to his lips or was he still thirsty for something more?

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty, ELW 777

Offering received during Hymn



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Worship Leaders

Homily	Remington Rawls
Cantor	Brayden Chambers
Lector	Lily Aguilar
Prayers	Sayelor Sanchez
Prayers	Reagan Waller
Sound	Blake Bina

2025 Mid-Week Lenten Series: *Seven Last Words*

**Holden Evening Prayer each
Wednesday @ 7pm during Lent**

April 9 (7pm) – *Finished* – John 19:30-37, Revelation 21:5-6



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