

God of salvation,  
we stand before you on holy ground,  
for your name is glorified  
and your mercy revealed  
wherever your mighty deeds are remembered.

When Jesus asked the woman of Samaria  
for water to drink,  
he had already bestowed on her the gift of faith,  
so that he might inflame her heart  
with the fire of divine love.

Since you are holy and forbearing,  
strengthen our faith also as we journey together  
so that we might also discern more deeply  
the well-spring of your love and mercy.

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
turn us from every rash and shallow judgment,  
every pretence of might and of knowledge.

Grant us to drink of the well  
that springs up to everlasting life  
that we may praise you in spirit and in truth  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



*Samaritan Woman at the Well* by Gisele Bauche