

Reflection Monday 4th Week Easter 2022

The Psalmist hits the nail on the head: *"My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life."* However, not understanding this thirst, many chase after something else. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit, the people of Caesarea responded to their thirst for God by calling on Peter and he helped them recognise that their thirst was for Jesus Christ and, in response, they were baptised.

The Good Shepherd knows each of us by name. Jesus and the Father know us as we are with all our idiosyncrasies, our faults and failings, our strengths and abilities. We are not just one in a crowd, we are individuals. Knowing us, means that God is the best one to be able to help us discover the fullness of life which God dearly wants for us. No wonder we thirst for God!!

Empty Water Jar *(abridged)* **Macrina Wiederkehr osb**

Jesus, I come to the warmth of your Presence
knowing that You are the very emptiness of God.
I come before You holding the water jar of my life.
Your eyes meet mine and I know what I'd rather not know.
I came to be filled but I'm already full.
I am too full. This is my sickness:
I am full of things that crowd out Your healing Presence.
I am full of things that block out Your golden grace.
I am smothered by gods of my own creation.
I am lost in the forest of my false self.
I am full of my own opinions and narrow attitudes
full of fear, resentment, control;
full of self-pity, and arrogance.
Slowly this terrible truth pierces my heart;
I am so full, there is no room for You.
Emptying my water-jar, I hear you whisper,
*"You have become a space for God;
now there is hope.
Now you are ready to be a channel of Life.
You have given up your own agenda.
There is nothing left but God!"*