

## Thirsting for God

Be still within and without.  
All who are thirsty come to the water.

Leader: Gracious God, may your love like water pour over our thirsty spirits, cleansing, refreshing, renewing us. Be present as we seek to know you, love you, and to respond to your unconditional love for us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Reader 1: Like deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (Psalm 42: 1)

All: All who are thirsty come to the water.

Reader 2: My soul is thirsting for God, the living God. When can I enter to see the face of God? (Psalm 42: 2)

All: All who are thirsty come to the water.

Reader 3: Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water 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." (John 4: 10)

Reflection:

What is your experience of thirst for God?

*Pause*

All: "If any are thirsty, let them come to me! Let them come and drink who believe in me!" (John 7: 38)

Leader: My God, when your love spilled over into creation you thought of me. I am from love, of love, for love. Let my heart, O God, always recognize, cherish, and enjoy your goodness in all of creation. Direct all that I am toward your praise. Teach me reverence for every person, all things. Energize me in your service. Living God, may nothing ever distract me from your love...  
neither health nor sickness  
wealth nor poverty  
honor nor dishonour  
long life nor short life.  
May I never seek nor choose to be other than you intend or wish.  
Amen.