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TOGETHER WE HAVE HOPE !

“Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God...” Jn. 4:10

Leader: *You are the One Who gathers us, loving God.*

All: *Blessed are You. You are the beginning and the end of our day. You bind us together in this place in respect, dignity, and trust.*

Reading: “The Samaritan woman said to him “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) “Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ...Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Reflection: For what does your heart thirst? What do you do to satisfy that thirst? *(Pause)*

Response Left: We thank you, God of Mysterious Ways, that You have a holy design for each one of us.

Right: We rejoice that we are, each of us, special to You that our names are written in the palm of Your hand and our place in history, our purpose for existing, is known within Your heart, since endless ages.

Left: We are grateful for that long line of holy people, who since ancient times have inspired others by their faithfulness to their own special destinies.

Right: They, by their lives, shout out to us not to compromise our destinies, but to live fully within Your eternal design.

All: Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has given to each of us a personal destiny and purpose in life. Amen.

Leader: Let us claim the treasures Christ holds out to us, let us claim the freedom he gives us by his own self-giving on the cross. May he enable us to live and serve in faith, hope and love. Let us, in times of sorrow, as in times in joy, celebrate the goodness of God. Let us go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Kate Compston, England