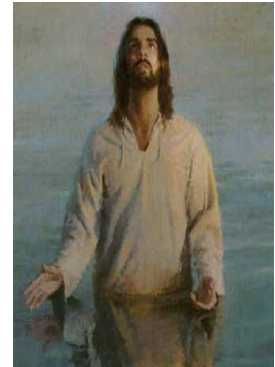


Water as Symbolism



... and the Holy Trinity



Water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is used extensively in the Old Testament as a manifestation of God's blessings conferred on His people when Yahweh returns to live among them.

Wells and springs play a significant part in the life and religion of the Patriarchal and Exodus periods. Wells were an important meeting place as well as being an essential resource from which a community drew its life-giving water. The water of the wells symbolizes the life imparted by Divine Wisdom and by the Law. It carries this God-given life into the Messianic age and into the Gospel narratives where water clearly signifies the Holy Spirit.

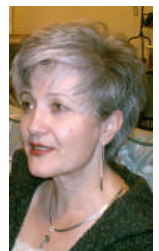
The multiple symbolic usage of water in the Old Testament foreshadows the sacrificial offering that Jesus would make on Calvary.

Today our meeting places are not at water wells. The spring of life is now to be found in one another through the gift of the Holy Spirit given by Jesus. Some of us drink deeply from this new Well, others, not at all. We are called to bring forth the Spirit of God in every encounter with other whom we meet on our life's journey. We thirst for Jesus as His Spirit beckons us to know Him. When we pray, we drink from His Spring of Life. We are called to witness to others so that they too may meet and drink "at the Well."

- extract from Study 1

In this series of scriptural reflections, Anna Rae-Kelly, M.Th. will help us to explore the symbolism of water in the Scriptures. Each reflection will take us more deeply into the mystery of the Holy Trinity and ultimately draw us ever closer to the life-giving water which is the "Well" of the Spirit of the Living God.

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