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In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Reading is from John 7:37-52; 8:12

“He who believes in me, as the scripture says, “Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive.” “Do you not know,” writes St. Paul, “that you are temples of the Holy Spirit?”

The question is: are there rivers of living water flowing from our hearts or rivers of something else? Are our hearts at peace or are we troubled within? Are we at ease or anxious, happy or confused? Do we bring joy to others? What is coming from our hearts? Is it compassion? Kindness? Patience? Love? Does our presence bring

peace and healing to the people we meet or would it have been better had they not met us at all? The fruit of our lives reveals much about the state of our souls.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom poses the same question in a different way:

□Why is it that people who meet us never notice that we are limbs of the risen Christ, temples of the Holy Spirit? Why? Each of us has got to give his own reply to this question. Let us, each of us, examine ourselves and be ready to answer before our own conscience and do what is necessary to change our lives in such a way that people meeting us may look at us and say,□Such people we have never seen. There is something about them that we have never seen in anyone. What is it?□ And we could answer:

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