After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst," (John 19:28, 29). Thirst is a physical condition of the body which is a manifestation of a need of the person for water. Each person experiences thirst every day, but it may be withheld. However, it does not seem to me that Jesus was calling it out. "I thirst". Because of a physical desire for water. Doubtless, this was part of His anguish but as we who are believers, in the Way, know it was not just a physical but also a psychological "death" that Jesus was experiencing for us. It is the spiritual dimension of His suffering which is truly important to us today. Thousands have died in martyrdom, suffering physically and emotionally just as Jesus did. However, in the assurance of the Spirit which somehow encompasses His dying there for your sins and mine, wherein lies the true and deepest consideration of this greatest of sacrifices, in His all history.

What was this thirst which He declared? Was it simply a "calling out" for water? Or was it a magnificent cry for living water, which in washing in and through Him would cleanse and purify you and me and all mankind who would thereby ask for this cleansing? "Our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His precious blood" is a phrase Episcopalians cherish in the prayer of humble access. How does this cleansing occur? Somewhere it all began at Calvary when Jesus shed His blood and His body was given for our sakes. But we must also cry, "My thirst!" Through His suffering and then receiving by means of death and resurrection He transmits His glory unto us today. The transforming power of His grace begins with Jesus thirsting and must then require our thirsting prior to fulfillment.

"Thou gavest Thy good Spirit to instruct them and didst not withhold Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst" (Deuteronomy 32:35). God always satisfies the thirsting of His people. "Those in the world system will always have an unsatisfied thirst which cannot be satisfied. They go about naked, without clothing, hungry, they carry the sheaves, among the olive rows, they make oil; they tread the wine presses but suffer thirst" (Job 23:10,11). This is not so of those who are in Jesus, Their promise is that they shall feed along the ways, in all bare heights, shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger nor thirst" (Isaiah 49:9,10). Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life!" (John 4:13,14). This promise is to us today but the gift comes to us at tremendous cost—the cost of our Savior's life and His glorious sacrifice.

"In the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink." He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. (John 7:37-39). Jesus was going through His glorification when He cried, "I thirst!" Now through Him and His thirsting we can cry out, "I thirst!" and receive His salvation and His Holy Spirit. He has shown us the Way. Are we willing to ask, to receive and to walk in that Wondrous Way? It is up to you and me individually. What is your answer to Him? (Revel 7:16,17).

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun\'s light upon them, nor any heat."

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:16,17).
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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

MONDAY - Every Monday - 6:30 AM. Men’s Prayer Breakfast at CMF House. “Come!”

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY - Apr. 29-May 2. Dr. Reed and Kay at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. Contact Rev. Irwin Hubert, 919/946-8151.

SATURDAY - May 15 - 8 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson’s Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - May 15 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

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SATURDAY - May 22 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity By-The-Sea, No. Grandview at Cr, Daytona Beach, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call Father David Dillon, Jr., 904/252-8997.

FRIDAY - May 28 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores, Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. Roy and Frances Leep, leaders. For information call 305/6150, 425-2511, or 646-4661. Please do not call First Federal Savings & Loan.

FRIDAY-THURSDAY - May 28-June 3. Dr. Reed and Kay at CPO, Lakeview, near Palestine, Tex. Contact Mary Latson, Sec., 3206 Gilbert, Austin, Tex. 78703.

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