We chant "Blessed is the man...".
At "Lord I have cried", 8 stichera are sung, the first three from the Pentecostarion.

(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

"Behold Jesus the Mes-si-ah, of Whom Moses, in the Law, wrote beforehand that He would come. He hath appeared on earth and conversed with me as a man at the well. Truly, He is the Christ Who is come into the world!"
the Samaritan woman manifestly said to those in Sychar.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

Those in the city, drinking in the sweet and potable water which flowed from

the sweet mouth of the woman, made all haste unto the Well Who poureth forth water...
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forth water in a-bun-dance, to see the ever flow-ing Foun-tain,

Who re-fresh-eth souls which are wast-ing a-way.

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

Be-hold-ing the Well-spring Who shared the form and appearance of men's nature
men's nature, those in the city cried out to the woman:

"No longer have we believed because of thy discourse, for we have truly recognized that He is the eternal deliverance and salvation of the world!"

// ending
Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. A-men.

Finding a Samaritan woman by the Well of Jacob, Jesus, Who covereth the earth with clouds, asked water of her. O the wonder!

He Who is upborne by the Cherubim conversed with a harlot woman;
He Who hath suspended the earth upon the waters asked for water;

He Who poureth forth springs and lakes of water seeketh water,

although He truly desired to draw to Himself her who was entrapped by the ad-verse foe, and to give the water of life for her to drink who was ...
who was grievously consumed in unseemly deeds,

for He alone is compassionate and loveth mankind.
Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thus saith the Lord to the Samaritan woman: "If thou hadst known the gift of God, and Who it is Who saith to thee: 'Give Me water to drink', thou wouldst have asked Him, and He would have given thee drink, that thou mightest never thirst," saith the Lord.

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