

Exodus 3:1-15

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¹Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. ²The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. ³Then Moses said to himself, "Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here."
⁵Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." ⁶He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. ⁸I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. ⁹Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. ¹⁰So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring

the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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¹Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

²Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!

³Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! ⁴Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

**⁵Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared -
⁶you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

²³That's how Israel came to Egypt, how Jacob became an immigrant in the land of Ham. ²⁴God made his people very fruitful, more powerful than their enemies, ²⁵whose hearts God changed so they hated his people and dealt shrewdly with his servants.

²⁶God sent Moses his servant and the one he chose, Aaron. ^{45c}Praise the Lord!

Matthew 16:21-28

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²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. ²²Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you." ²³But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ²⁵All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. ²⁶Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? ²⁷For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. ²⁸I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."