

Heroes of the Faith

Service for the Sixth Week in Lent-April 1, 2020

"By Faith Moses"

Opening Sentences

P: Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God.

C: Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

P: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. *(Hebrews 13:7-8)*

C: Amen.

P: By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

C: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

P: He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

C: By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

P: By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood,

C: so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. *(Heb 11:23-28)*

P: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

C: I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

P: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

C: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known Your might among the peoples.

P: You with your arm redeemed Your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

C: When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.

P: The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; Your arrows flashed on every side.

C: The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

P: Your way was through the sea, Your path through the great waters; yet Your footprints were unseen.

C: You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

(Psalm 77:12-20)

Hymn**“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”****LSB #814**

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

First Reading*The Birth of Moses; Moses Flees to Midian**Exodus 2:1-15a*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the riverbank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.” One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Stephen's Speech, [continued]

Acts 7:17-34

“But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God’s sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father’s house, and when he was exposed, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. “Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.’”

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

(Psalm 59:1)

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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Sermon

“By Faith Moses”

Hebrews 11:23-28

Hymn

“We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear

From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke, But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise, we rejoice And cry “My Lord and God!”

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.

4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

Magnificat

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *(Psalm 141:2)*

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

**C: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**

P: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the
lowly.

**C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty
away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as
He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**

(Luke 1:46-55)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Offering *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register from the center end of each pew.)*

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

Collect for Peace

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Abide with Me”

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1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev’ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4 Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day; Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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