

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 119:49-56*
Deuteronomy 5:1-21
1 Peter 2:4-10

Today's Scripture Verse: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

What it means: It is a common understanding these days that people in various nations and cultures approach God in different ways, and though their understandings of God are different from one another, we recognize in them the common quest for the truth of their faith. I believe that this is good and right. At the same time, I think we need to understand why it is that we follow the ways and teachings of the One we call God. This verse from 1 Peter is one of the several places where faith is made explicit, and the confession of faith is related to our sense of belonging to the One who illuminates our lives and shows us the truth of divine compassion.

Our time of prayer: Dear God, we know who we are, because we belong to you. We trust in your mercy and believe in your truth, and accept the calling to be a fellowship of your love.

