

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 1:1-7  
Romans 2:1-11

Today's Scripture Verse: *Then Joseph died and all his brothers, and that whole generation. But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. (Exodus 1:6-7)*

What it means: The story of Joseph and his brothers told in the Book of Genesis is ended, and a transition is now made between that story and the new story of Exodus – how the Hebrew people became so numerous that the Egyptian rulers began fearing them and enslaved them; and how a child born to a Hebrew mother in that dangerous time was given the Egyptian name Moses and was led by God to take his people into freedom. This is the central story of faith in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Our time of prayer: God, may we never forget that the message of the Bible, which we call "good news," is rooted in a story of liberation. May we always remember that the healing ministry of Jesus was to set all people free.

