

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 77*
Joshua 3:1-17
Hebrews 11:23--30

Today's Scripture Verse: *When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap. (Joshua 3:13)*

What it means: These are the words of Joshua, the leader of the Hebrew people as they cross the Jordan to enter the promised land. Moses has died, and this is the first sign given by God that God will bless the people under this new leader. Most people remember the story of the Red Sea parting, but many do not recall this wondrous event at the Jordan that allowed the people to walk across on dry land. The parting of the Jordan signifies God's blessing of freedom for the people of God. It is probably the reason the revolutionary prophet John the baptizer conducted his ministry of baptism there as the people of his time sought freedom once again.

Our time of prayer: God of the parting waters, guide us across the obstacles that confront us as we seek to live in the freedom of the Spirit that leads us to the promised land.

