

*Daily Morning Message*

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*Daily Lectionary Readings*      *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*  
*Numbers 20:1-13*  
*Acts 13:32-41*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*      *Because you did not trust in me, to show my holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them. (Numbers 20:12)*

*What it means:*      As most people know, Moses was not allowed to take the Israelites into the promised land at the end of their 40-year pilgrimage. This verse of Scripture from the Book of Numbers is at the end of the story about Moses striking the rock in the wilderness to provide water to the complaining people. It was a moment of great wonder, but God seems to have been disappointed in Moses and Aaron for not trusting God enough to persuade the people to move ahead in faith. Within the Christian Church, leaders of the community may have many talents, but only by trusting God can they take the people through the wilderness and into the promised land.

*Our time of prayer:*      It is not just what we believe, God, but whom we trust that makes us faithful members of the community of Christ. Teach us, we pray, to make of us risk-takers for the Holy Realm, ready to trust that following your teachings will take us there.

