

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Second Book of Moses called Exodus. (*Exodus 24:12-18*)

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*Reader:* The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, the law and the commandments, which I have written for their instruction." When Moses had arisen, he and Jesus, who attended him, went up onto the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you again; and, see, Aaron and Or are with you; if anyone has a dispute, let them go to them." Then Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of God came down on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day the Lord called Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the children of Israel. And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And he was there on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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*Reader:* The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as one speaks to one's friend. Then he would return to the camp; but the young servant, Joshua, son of Nun, did not leave the tent. Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not shown me whom you will send with me. Yet you have said to me, 'I know you above all others, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show yourself to me, so that I may see you and find favor in your sight, that I may know that this great nation is your people." And the Lord said to him, "I myself will go before you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If you will not go with us yourself, do not carry me up from here. For how shall it be truly known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be glorified, I and your people, more than all the nations." The Lord said to Moses, "For you I will do this word that you have spoken; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you above all others." Moses said, "Show me your own glory." And he said, "I will pass by you in my glory, and shall proclaim before you my name, 'The Lord'; and I will have mercy on those on whom I will have mercy, and will have pity on those on whom I will have pity." And he said, "You cannot see my face; for no human shall see my face and live." And the Lord said, "See, there is a place by me; stand on the rock. And while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen by you." So Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The Lord. The Lord passed before his face, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, God compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and full of mercy and true". And Moses quickly bowed to the earth, and worshipped the Lord.

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*Reader:* The Reading from Third Book of Kingdoms. (*1 Kings 19: 3-9, 11-13, 15-16*)

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*Reader:* And Elijah heard and was afraid; he arose and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, in the land of Juda; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly someone touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat and drink, for you have a long journey." Elijah looked, and there at his head was a cake of flour and a jar of water. He arose, ate and drank, and slept again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Arise and eat and drink, for you have a long journey." He arose, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to mount Horeb. There he entered a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord will pass by." And a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood by the cave. Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return to your way and you shall come to the desert way of Damascus; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat as prophet in your place."