

**RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 99: 1, 3-4, 6, 9**

North: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

South: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

ALL: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

North: Mighty King, you have established equity;

South: Lover of justice, you have executed justice and righteousness.

ALL: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

North: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

South: He showed Himself to Moses.

ALL: Worship at the holy mountain of our God; Holy is he!

**LESSON – Exodus 33:12-14, 18-23**

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

The LORD said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

And the LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

The LORD continued, "Here is what I will do for you: See, there is a place by me where you shall 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 backside; but my face shall not be seen."

**GOSPEL – Matthew 20: 29-34**

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.