

## **Third Reading**

### **Exodus 14:15-15:1**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out for help? Tell the people to move forward. <sup>16</sup> Lift up your walking stick and hold it out over the sea. The water will divide, and the Israelites will be able to walk through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> I will make the Egyptians so stubborn that they will go in after them, and I will gain honor by my victory over the king, his army, his chariots, and his drivers. <sup>18</sup> When I defeat them, the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord."

<sup>19</sup> The angel of God who had been in front of the army of Israel, moved and went to the rear. The pillar of cloud also moved until it was <sup>20</sup> between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The cloud made it dark for the Egyptians, but gave light to the people of Israel, and so the armies could not come near each other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Moses held his hand over the sea and the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind. It blew all night and turned the sea into dry land. The water was divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on both sides.

<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them and went after them into the sea with all their horses, chariots and drivers. <sup>24</sup> Just before dawn the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw them in a panic. <sup>25</sup> He made the wheels of their chariots get stuck, so that they moved with great difficulty. The Egyptians said, "The Lord is fighting for the Israelites against us. Let's get out of here!"

<sup>26</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Hold out your hand over the sea and the water will come back over the Egyptians, and their chariots and drivers." <sup>27</sup> So Moses held out his hand over the sea, and at day break the water returned to its normal level. The Egyptians tried to escape from the water, but the Lord threw them into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The water returned and covered the chariots, the drivers, and all the Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea; not one of them was left. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on both sides.

<sup>30</sup> On that day the Lord saved the people of Israel from the Egyptians, and the Israelites saw them lying dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> When the Israelites saw the great power with which the Lord had defeated the Egyptians, they stood in awe of the Lord; and they had faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## **The Song of Moses**

### **Chapter 15**

1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord

because he has won a glorious victory;

He has thrown the horses and their riders

into the sea.

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