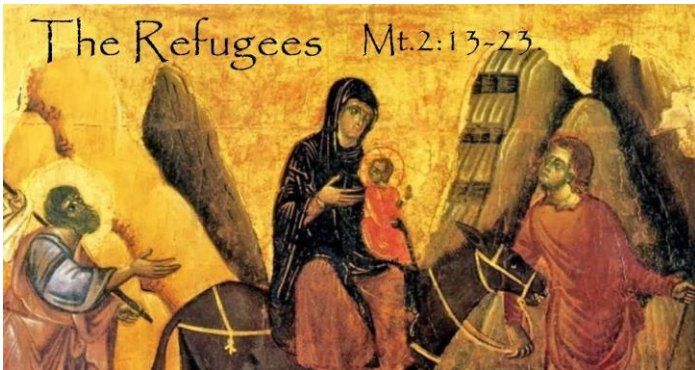


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READING – Matthew 2:13-20 (Jesus a Refugee)

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning, and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”



PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those
who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SONG

Give me a heart of compassion, give me a hope for the lost,
give me a passion for those who are broken and down.
Lord. I am ready and willing to serve the weak and the young;
help me to put into action the words of this song.

*And enable Your servant,
enable Your servant to preach good news
And enable Your servant,
enable Your servant to preach good news.*

I'll sing the songs of salvation, boldly I'll speak out Your word,
I'll let them know by my life, I will show You are Lord,
I'll tell them all about Jesus, I'll tell them all about You,
I'm not ashamed of the gospel or what it can do.

And enable Your servant.....

We're moving forward together, as one voice boldly proclaim,
the old and the young will be strong and we'll lift up Your name,
On to the streets to the people, every man, woman and child,
and as we go You are with us, You've given Your power.

You've enabled Your servant.....