

along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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### Refrain

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving.

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### Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 from the Book of Common Prayer

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \* for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \* save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \* I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \* for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \* and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \* and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \* for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \* nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \* and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things, \* and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \* give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \* because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

SHOULD WE CONTINUE in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.