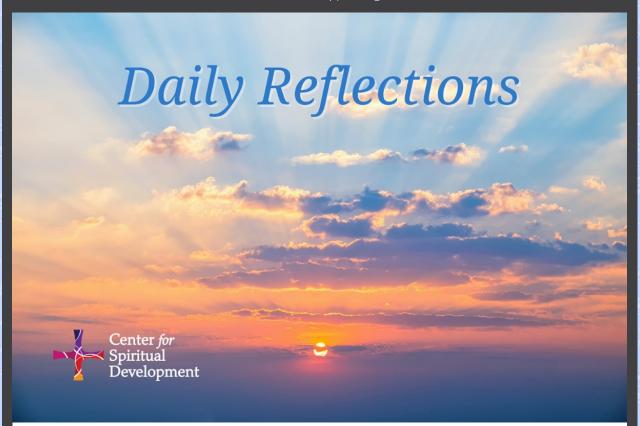
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## THE GOD OF SALVATION

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## **Today's Responsorial Psalm**

 $Our\ God\ is\ the\ God\ of\ salvation.$ 

God arises, God's enemies are scattered, and those who hate God flee before God. But the just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice.

Our God is the God of salvation.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is our God in God's holy dwelling.
Our God gives a home to the forsaken;
God leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

Our God is the God of salvation.

Blessed day by day be the LORD, who bears our burdens; God, who is our salvation. God is a saving God for us; The LORD, my Lord, controls the passageways of death.

PSALM 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21

## Reflection

This psalm has many varied interpretations. In several places the Hebrew text is poorly preserved. Some scholars view the psalm as simply a collection of short fragments. It was intended to be sung as the ark of the covenant was carried in solemn procession into the temple. The movement of this powerful Deity frightens enemies, but gladdens those who experience God as father of orphans and defender of widows and as the one who gives home to the forsaken. The psalm reminds us, the covenanted community, that it is God who is our salvation. The most dominant activity of God is saving us.



 $\label{eq:Green Mountain}$  Photo by Quang Nguyen Vinh

## For Prayer

Speak this psalm out loud, being aware of God's relationship with you this

day.

Recognize the ways in which God is offering you salvation.

Recognize and give thanks and ask to be a participant in God's saving activities.

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