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Dear Parish Members of Christ on the Mountain,

Today we have a lot of foreshadowing of the Cross and the redemptive act.

The Israelite's are in the desert complaining that God has lead them into this waste land so God sends serpents to bite the Israelite's to bring them back to their senses. We are like the Israelite's we get all "Out of Sorts!" We get off the path of right living. We start taking God's love for granted. Then something bites us and we have the opportunity to restart and get in right relationship with God and others.

Lent and this time of crisis in our country is an opportunity to restart. We can look to the cross to heal us. When we are wounded by sin it is possible to look up and see Jesus on the cross the one who saves us from death. The serpent of sin has been put to death on the cross. The cross is the place where mercy pours forth.

We can say this little prayer that is inspired by Henri Nouwen:

"Oh, blood and water that gushes forth from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you." Amen.

God is good all the time!

Fr. David