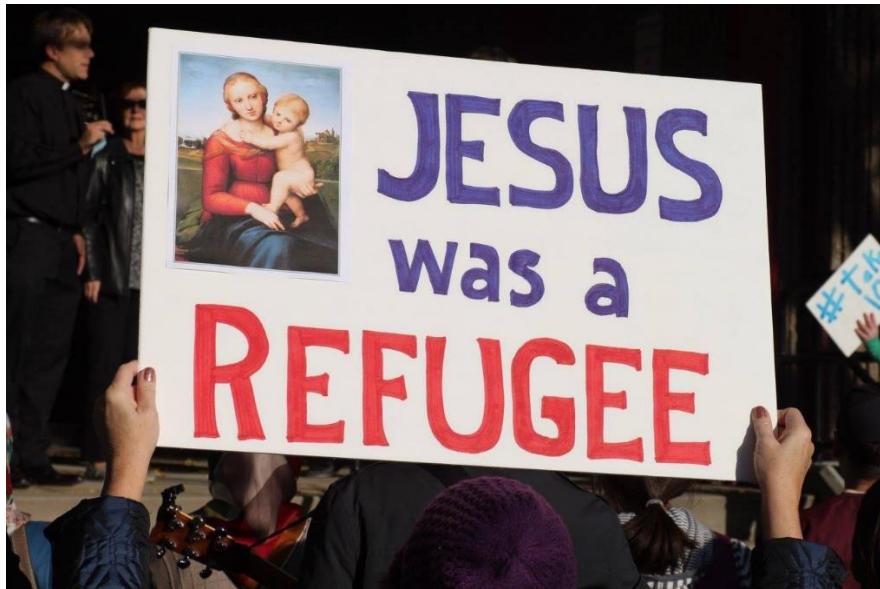


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READING - Matthew 2:13-18

The Escape to Egypt

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.”^[c]

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,
Rachel weeping for her children
 and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”^[d]

a refugee

**For I was a ~~stranger~~
and you welcomed me.**

MT 25:35

- Jesus

PRAYER

As we recall the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt,
we pray for all who flee from danger.
Enfold them in your care and challenge your people to show love and support.
Amen .



SONG

When Jesus was a refugee,
Egypt took him in--
gave safety from King Herod
and shelter from the wind.

When Jesus was a refugee
he lived among the poor.
I see him then-- I see him now.
He's knocking on my door.

For Jesus is a refugee
and if I take him in,
I see the suffering through his eyes
and learn to be like him.