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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. JUNE 30, 2024

A Reading from *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

An old man used to tell how one day someone committed a serious sin. Filled with compunction, he went to confess it to an old man; but he did not say what he had done, simply, 'If a thought of this kind comes upon someone, can he be saved?' And the old man, who was without the experience of discernment, said to him, 'He has lost his soul.'

When he heard this, the brother said to himself, 'If I am lost, I may as well return to the world.' Now as he was returning, he decided to go and manifest his thoughts to Abba Sylvain. Now this Abba Sylvain possessed great spiritual discernment. Coming up to him, the brother did not say what he had done, but proceeded in the same way, 'If thoughts of this kind come upon someone, can he be saved?' The father opened his mouth, and beginning with the Scriptures, he attempted to show him that condemnation is not the lot of those who have these thoughts. When he heard this, the brother's hope revived and he also told him what he had done. Like a good doctor, the father, with the help of Scriptures, tended his soul, showing him that repentance is possible for those who seriously turn to God.

Later on, our abba went to visit the other father, and related all this to him, and said, 'Look how he despaired of himself and was on the point of returning to the world. Has become a star in the midst of his brethren.'

I have related this story so that we may know what danger there is in manifestation, whether of thoughts or of sins, to those who do not have discernment.
[Source: Celebrating the Seasons]

MORNING PRAYER: 8:00a.m., Chapel. (Tuesday-Wednesday; Friday & Saturday)	♦ July 27, Saturday, ECW Meeting, 2:00p.m. ♦ July 28, Sunday, Wedding, 3:00p.m.
♦ TODAY. Baptism 9:30a.m.; French Service 11:30a.m.	AUGUST: ♦ Aug. 24, Saturday, ECW meeting, 2:00p.m
JULY: ♦ July 6, Saturday, Wedding, 3:00p.m. ♦ July 12, Friday, Wedding, 2:00p.m. ♦ July 13, Saturday, Wedding, 3:00p.m. ♦ July 14, Holy Eucharist, 7:30a.m.; SEA SUNDAY, 9:30a.m.; Wedding, 2:00p.m.	SEPTEMBER: ♦ Sept. 14, Saturday, Wedding, 3:00p.m. ♦ Sept. 15, Sunday, Wedding, 2:00p.m. ♦ Sept. 22, Sunday, Wedding, 2:00p.m. ♦ Sept. 28, Saturday, ECW meeting, 2:00p.m.; Wedding, 2:30p.m.

SAINTS:

Moses the Black Monastic and Martyr, c. 400. *Moses of Ethiopia, commonly called Moses the Black in early Christian literature, was a fourth-century monk who lived in one of several isolated desert monasteries near Scete in Lower Egypt. He was described as being tall, strong, "black of body," and in his early life, the hotblooded leader of a marauding robber band. While fleeing from the authorities, he took shelter with a group of monks. He was so impressed with their faithfulness and kindness that he chose to be baptized and to remain with them. He led an ascetic life, lived in a simple cell, and ate only ten ounces of dry bread each day. Once, when the monks gathered to judge a member who had sinned, Moses arrived carrying a leaky basket filled with sand on his back. He explained that what he was holding behind him represented his own many sins, now hidden from his own view. "And now I have come to judge my brother for a small fault," he remarked. The other monks then each personally forgave their erring brother and returned to their cells. It is to Moses that one of the most famous pieces of advice from desert monasticism is attributed: "Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything." When Moses was an old man, he was warned that an armed band of raiders was approaching and that the monks needed to flee. "Those who live by the sword shall die by the sword" (Matthew 26:52), the former robber-murderer calmly replied. "I have been waiting for this day to come for a long time." He and six other brothers waited patiently, and were all slain.*

Eva Lee Matthews Monastic, 1928. *Eva Lee Matthews was born on February 9, 1862, in Glendale, Ohio. She grew up as an active member of the Episcopal Church, and felt a call to service in the church from a young age. While working at Bethany Mission House, an Episcopal charitable organization designed to help the less fortunate residents of Cincinnati, she and her coworker Beatrice Henderson discerned a call to create a new Episcopal religious order. The purpose of this order was to assist Cincinnati's poor, especially children. Eva became the community's first superior, taking the name Mother Eva Mary. On August 6, 1898, Episcopal Church officials formally recognized Matthews and Henderson's order, naming the group the Community of the Transfiguration. The Community of the Transfiguration remained in Cincinnati for only a short time. The order soon relocated a short distance away to Glendale, Matthews' childhood home. The order grew slowly, but by the 1920s the Community of the Transfiguration had members engaged in ministries in Painesville, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Woodlawn, Ohio; Hawaii; and China. Matthews served as the leader of the Community of the Transfiguration until her death in July 1928. The community she founded continues to serve the church through a variety of ministries in Ohio, California, and the Dominican Republic.*

LF: Renato Aguila, a member of our vestry, needs a temporary place to stay beginning July 7. He will be teaching English as a second language for the Enderun English Summer Camp and he hopes to avoid a long commute to work. The Enderun campus is in McKinley Hills and a place nearby would be most appreciated. Please contact the office if you have any leads.