

## Reading Sunday 26 September 2021

### Exodus 17 8 - 16

#### The Amalekites defeated

<sup>8</sup> The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup> Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.'

<sup>10</sup> So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. <sup>12</sup> When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset. <sup>13</sup> So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.'

<sup>15</sup> Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. <sup>16</sup> He said, 'Because hands were lifted up against<sup>†</sup> the throne of the LORD,<sup>‡</sup> the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.'