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Homily: (Pastor Scott)
1st and 2nd Scripture Reading: (Susan Delaney)
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Esther 3:1-6

1 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite
and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him.

2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance
to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow
down or do obeisance.

3 Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you
disobey the king's command?"

4 When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told
Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them
that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman
was infuriated.

6 But he thought it beneath him to kill only Mordecai. So, having been told who
Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of
Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Esther 4:9-17

9 Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai:

11 “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.”

12 When they told Mordecai what Esther had said,

13 Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.

14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”

15 Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai,

16 “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you 0do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

17 Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.