

God Makes a Way Through the Waters

My sister is an LA-based artist who works with paper to create three-dimensional art pieces. *Exodus* portrays the parting of the Red Sea recounted in Exodus 14:21-22:



21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. (NRSV)

You can look at this artwork at least two ways. The first is a bird's eye view of the seas parted with the Israelites—represented in gold—walking through the seas. Another way of seeing it is as though you are walking with the Israelites, the two walls of the sea on either side of you and the gold representing God's light shining ahead between the waters.

The story in Exodus reminds us that when we see no way ahead, God makes a way. God places our feet on dry ground and brings us through to the other side. Just as God led the Israelites, God will bring us through the COVID-19 pandemic. We can trust God's guidance and presence along the way. Let's join the Israelites praise: "The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation!"

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