

## *Moses & the Drag Queen*

Now Moses was tending the rainbow sheep of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the body of a gorgeous drag queen. Moses saw that though the drag queen identified as male, she was in female drag and was absolutely beautiful. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why are they dressed up?” When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from the mouth of the drag queen, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your heels, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then God said, “I am the God of your Drag Mother, the God of Harvey Milk, the God of Marsha P. Johnson and the God of Matthew Sheppard.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in the Church. I have heard them crying out because of homophobia, transphobia, sexism, and racism, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Anti-LGBTQ Christians and to bring them up out of that theology into a good and inclusive interpretation, a mindset that is flowing with milk and honey. And now the cry of the LGBTQ community has reached me, and I have seen the way the Church is oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you into the world to teach my people an affirming interpretation and show them unconditional love!” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to teach your people an affirming interpretation and show them unconditional love?” And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of self-hatred and shame, you will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the LGBTQ community and say to them, ‘The God of your Drag Mother has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is her name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “*I am who I am.*” This is what you are to say to the community: ‘*I am has sent me to you.*’” God also said to Moses, “Say to the LGBTQ Community, ‘The Lord, the God of your Drag Mother—the God of Harvey Milk, the God of Marsha P. Johnson and the God of Matthew Sheppard—has sent me to you’. “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”

— *A Queer Rendition of Exodus 3:1-15*

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