

First Reading

Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9

A reading from the Acts of the Exodus

Moses did exactly what the LORD had told him.
He got up early and carried the two stone tablets
up the side of Mount Sinai.

The LORD came down in a cloud and stood beside Moses.
Then he said, “I am the LORD.”

He also walked up and down in front of Moses and said,
“I am the LORD God,
and I am kind and merciful.
I don’t easily lose my temper,
and my love can be trusted.”

Moses quickly bowed low.
He worshiped and said,
“LORD, if you are pleased with me,
then don’t leave your people.
We are stubborn.
But I beg you to forgive our terrible sins
and let us be your very own people.”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52, 53 & 56

All: *Glory and praise for ever!*

*Lord God of our ancestors,
you are worthy of praise, the highest praise forever.
Your glorious and holy name
is also worthy of praise, the highest praise forever.*

All: *Glory and praise for ever!*

*You are glorious and holy,
worthy of praise in your temple, the highest praise forever.
You are worthy of praise
in the heavens, honored with hymns forever.*

All: *Glory and praise for ever!*

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 13:11–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Good-bye, my friends.
Do better and pay attention to what I have said.
Try to get along and live peacefully with each other.

Now I pray that God,
 who gives love and peace,
 will be with you.
Give each other a warm greeting.
All of God's people send their greetings.

I pray that the Lord Jesus Christ
 will bless you and be kind to you!
May God bless you with his love,
 and may the Holy Spirit join all your hearts together.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel
John 3:16–17

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus told Nicodemus:

“God loved the people of this world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him
will have eternal life and never die.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn
its people.

He sent him to save them!”

The Gospel of the Lord.