

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

The Holy Trinity Sunday — June 7, 2020

## First Reading — Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

<sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two tables of stone like the first; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ...

<sup>8</sup> And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped. <sup>9</sup> And he said, "If now I have found favor in thy sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray thee, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thy inheritance."

## Responsorial Psalm DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) **Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. **Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. **Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. **Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. **Glory and praise for ever!**

## Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in

peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

## Gospel Reading — John 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

1. Contrast this passage's description of God with Moses' description of the people of God.

#### Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

2. What cause and effect relationships do you see in this verse?
3. Which aspect of St. Paul's admonition stirred your heart?

#### Gospel Reading — John 3:16-18

4. How does this passage differentiate between God's part, and our part, in seeing this promise fulfilled.
5. What are some synonyms for "believe"?
6. How is believing in Jesus, different than believing about some other historical figure?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*