

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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## GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you' is one familiar to us all. It may come as a surprise to know that it was originally the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The community was bitterly divided, and Paul wrote the letter to reconcile himself with a community that had become estranged from him and one another. He saw that they were all called to model their lives on the living God's gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character of God's love have been seen throughout all of salvation history but seldom clearer than in the episode of the golden calf. Face to face with the living God on the holy mountain Moses feels it necessary to plead for the people of Israel and their idolatry. He knows their desperate plight but before he even pleads for the people God reveals that Israel's God is one of compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and mercy.

For people of faith there is always the danger that people hide from the living God because of fear in the face of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited to understand that the power of God is most clearly seen in a love that will risk everything to bring us back, even the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On this feast of the Trinity, these readings lead us to reflect on the nature of God that we celebrate - creative, saving and forgiving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

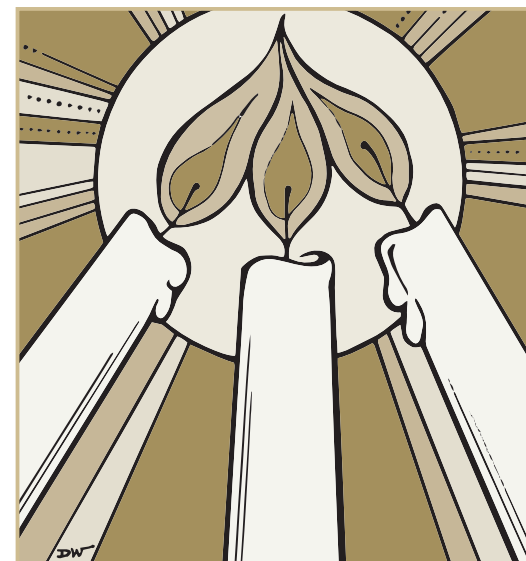
He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

- You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blest your glorious holy name.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**
- You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**
- You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! / **Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!**

Welcome to  
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### The Most Holy Trinity

#### Reflection:

Who is this God who is so revelatory to Moses? Who is this God who is about to take the Israelites, a broken and recalcitrant people and make them new again? This is the God who chooses to be with us, despite our own unworthiness.

This is the God who comes in a cloud; who may not be seen, but certainly is experienced. And what do Moses and the people experience of this God? How shall they “name” God? Judging from today’s story God is: patient and compassionate; takes the initiative to reach out to us; is not dissuaded by our sins; is faithful to us, even when we have built our own idols to worship; can take a broken people and make them whole again.

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8am mass on the 11th of June. We ask our parish community to keep these children and families in their prayers. Please bring a plate to share.

#### Safeguarding Officers

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#### MASS THIS WEEKEND

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses*

Sat 3 June 6pm	St Dom
Sun 4 June 8am	OLGC
Sun 4 June 9.30am	St Dom

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 6 June 7pm	St Dom
Wed 7 June 9am	St Dom
Thurs 8 June 9am	OLGC
Fri 9 June 9am	St Dom
Fri 9 June 11am	Chrystal Halliday
Sat 10 June 9am	OLGC
Sat 10 June 6pm	St Dom
Sun 11 June am	OLGC
Sun 11 June 9.30am	St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can’t attend Mass.*

#### Saturday Soup Nights in Winter

Please join us this Saturday after 6pm Mass for Soup & bread in St Dominic’s parish centre. The soup and bread nights will run during the winter months. If you would like to help prepare soup, please use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

#### Senior’s Group

For the month of June only, the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **6 June**: Lunch at Swan Lake Chinese Restaurant, Crn Flynn & Pearson Street, Floreat @ 11-45am. Contact Wyn 0407 261 500 or Chris 0417 979 629 for info.

#### 2023/2024 Planned Giving Envelopes

New envelopes are available from the back of church.

#### OLGC Morning Tea

Morning tea after the 8am Mass is in recess for June and July.

#### Upcoming Events

10 June: Youth Group 4pm St Dominic’s  
11 June: First Holy Communion, 8am OLGC  
18 June: First Holy Communion, 9.30am St Dom

Rosters next weekend	3 June 6pm St Dom	4 June 8am OLGC	4 June 9.30am St Dom
Readers	J Stevenson	K Creasy	E von Perger
Acolyte	P Wall		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		M Scaffidi D D’Souza	
Altar Society	Group 2	I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		In recess	

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Readers	Youth Group	B Webb	M Rodriguez
Acolyte	W Italiano		D Ee
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		In recess	

#### Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

New ministers will be commissioned at Mass this weekend. We congratulate our new ministers and thank both new and current ministers for their dedication and willingness to serve.