

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and  
said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**Sunday, May 31**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of Exodus*      34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai  
as the LORD had commanded him,  
taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there  
and proclaimed his name, “LORD.”

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out,  
“The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,  
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.”

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, “If I find favor with you, O Lord,  
do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people;  
yet pardon our wickedness and sins,  
and receive us as your own.”

The word of the Lord.