## *First Reader:* **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* **Responding by half verse:**

1 Hallelujah!
**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**
**for his mercy endures for ever.**
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
**or show forth all his praise?**
3 Happy are those who act with justice
**and always do what is right!**
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
**and visit me with your saving help;**
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
**and be glad with the gladness of your people,**
**that I may glory with your inheritance.**
6 We have sinned as our forebears did;
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb
**and worshiped a molten image;**
20 And so they exchanged their Glory
**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**
21 They forgot God their Savior,
**who had done great things in Egypt,**
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
23 So he would have destroyed them,
**had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,**
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

*Second Reader:* **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## *Prayers of the People: (TWO PAGES)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops Andrew, Jeff, Hector, Kathryn, and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this Austin, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant concludes adding a collect*