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## COLLECT

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## FIRST READING:

Exodus 34:1-8

The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his

hand the two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The LORD." 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, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

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## Psalm 8

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| 1 O LORD our Governor, *<br>how exalted is your Name in<br>all the world!                               | 4 When I consider your heavens,<br>the work of your fingers, * the<br>moon and the stars you have<br>set in their courses, |
| 2 Out of the mouths of infants<br>and children * your majesty<br>is praised above the heavens.          | 5 What is man that you should<br>be mindful of him? * the son<br>of man that you should seek<br>him out?                   |
| 3 You have set up a stronghold<br>against your adversaries, * to<br>quell the enemy and the<br>avenger. |  |

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \* you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \* you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, \* even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \* and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:9-13

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should be bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## GOSPEL:

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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