

*As God was guiding his people through Moses,
in the same way He guides us through Jesus, with the gift of the Holy Spirit*

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Exod 19,1-2.9-11.16-20

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My dearest,

I have just read to you some verses from a brief excerpt of today's liturgy, a very rich and complex reading, that you can read in its fullness in another moment, more quietly.

Today, I'd like to only focus on one fundamental concept:

God wants to communicate with His people, He wants to give them His teaching, His guidance, His bonding, and He does this through Moses and through this journey in the desert, which is – as we know – the founding experience of the Jewish people.

Nevertheless, this is also an image - magnificent and redeeming - but still only an image, of something even bigger that God was about to achieve for humanity.

As Moses received this revelation on Mount Sinai and God made it possible for the people to trust and follow Moses, the same He did with us through Jesus: **He took on human form to talk to each one of us**, to make his action to humanity present and manifested.

But this is not all!

Through Jesus, God had given each one of us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that each one of us can listen to His voice in a direct way, as far as we are available, if we want it, if we wish to fulfil God's wish.

This is it, **today God is telling us that He has resuscitated Jesus from the dead to give each one of us the gift of the Holy Spirit, through which we can be sure that we will be loved, looked after, lead and guided by God himself.**

As the people, through the glorious aspect of Moses, could see God's presence, **in the same way we, through the glorious aspect of Jesus, can contemplate an even bigger presence, and, through the Holy Spirit, can be more strongly sure of His presence.**

May each of us be so free, generous and willing to be guided by God.

May the Lord be praised.