

Sunday 27 December 2026
Saint John the Evangelist (Year B)

First Reading - Exodus 33.7-11a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses set up a tent, called the Tent of Meeting,
far outside the camp,
and anyone who sought the Lord
would go to it.

Whenever Moses himself went out to it,
all the people
would stand by their tents
and watch.

The pillar of cloud would descend,
and would stand
by the entrance
of the tent,
and the Lord
would speak with Moses there.

When they saw
the pillar of cloud,
standing at the entrance of
the Tent of Meeting,
all the people would bow down,
each of them
at the entrance of their tent.

And the Lord
would speak
with Moses
there,
face to face,
as you speak
with a friend.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 John 3.1-2

A reading from the first letter of John.

The love
that God the Father
has for us

is so great
that we are already
declared to be
children of God.

Those who do not know
the Father
neither see nor understand this.

My brothers and sisters,
already
we are children of God;

but there is more
that is still to be revealed,
of what we are yet to become;

for we trust
that when Christ appears in glory,
we will become
yet more fully
like him,

for we shall see him
face to face.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - John 21.19b-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned,
and saw 'the disciple Jesus loved'
approaching them.

(This is the disciple who had been
next to Jesus,
at the supper,
and had said, 'Lord, who is it
that is going
to betray you?')

When Peter saw
this disciple approaching,

Peter said
to Jesus, 'Lord,
what about him?'

And Jesus
said to Peter, 'If it is
my will
that he
remains
until I return,
what is that
to you?

You,
follow me!'

So the rumour spread,
amongst the believers,
that this disciple
would not die.

Yet Jesus
did not say
that this disciple
would not die;

Jesus said, 'If
it is my will
that he remains
until I return,
what is that to you?'

This is the very disciple
now recording
all
these things,
and writing them;

so you can know
that this account
is true.

There are also
many other things
that Jesus did.

And if every one of them
were written down,
the whole world
could not contain
the books
that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.