

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us;  
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.  
Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we must also love one another.  
No one has ever seen God.  
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought perfection in us.

**The word of the Lord.**