A reading from the first letter of St John.

7 My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
8 Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.
9 God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
10 My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.
11 No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

The word of the Lord.