

Reading

Romans 5:17-21

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone
as the consequence of one man's fall,
it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ,
will cause everyone to reign in life
who receives the free gift that he does not deserve,
of being made righteous.

Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone,
so the good act of one man
brings everyone life and makes them justified.

As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,
so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

When law came, it was to multiply the opportunities of falling,
but however great the number of sins committed,
grace was even greater;

and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death,
so grace will reign to bring eternal life

thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.