

Reading

1 John 4:7-12

God is love.

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;

10 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.

11 My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.

12 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.