

SECOND READING**A READING FROM THE 2nd LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY**

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him.

If we hold firm then we shall reign with Him.

If we disown Him, then He shall not disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but He is always faithful,

For He cannot disown His own self.

As for me, my life is already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.