

Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

- ¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God,
² since it is by faith and through Jesus
that we have entered this state of grace
in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.
⁵ And this hope is not deceptive,
because the love of God has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.
⁶ We were still helpless when at his appointed moment
Christ died for sinful men.
⁷ It is not easy to die even for a good man
— though of course for someone really worthy,
a man might be prepared to die —
⁸ but what proves that God loves us
is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.