

**A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians:**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.

**The Word of the Lord**