

## **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman  
for the house of Israel;  
when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, "  
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,  
the wicked shall die for his guilt,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked,  
trying to turn him from his way,  
and he refuses to turn from his way,  
he shall die for his guilt,  
but you shall save yourself.

**The Word of the Lord!**

## **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Sisters and brothers:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.  
The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;  
you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, "  
and whatever other commandment there may be,  
are summed up in this saying, namely,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**The Word of the Lord!**