

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people:

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

“But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

“Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of John

My children, I am writing this to you
so that you may not commit sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.
The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep
his commandments.

Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments
are liars, and the truth is not in them.

But whoever keeps his word,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

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