**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself,

 and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

 and if we die, we die for the Lord;

 so then, whether we live or die,

 we are the Lord’s.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

 that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**