

*Love in deed and in truth.***A reading from the First Letter of Saint John**

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know
that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts
and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments
and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments
remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.