

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

4:11-19

**B**eloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,  
that he has given us of his Spirit.

Moreover, we have seen and testify

that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.

Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God remains in him and he in God.

We have come to know

and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God  
in him.

In this is love brought to perfection among us,  
that we have confidence on the day of judgment  
because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love,

but perfect love drives out fear

because fear has to do with punishment,

and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

We love God because he first loved us.

The word of the Lord.