

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

4:6-8

**B**eloved:  
I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.