

Reading

2 Corinthians 4:14–5:1

Visible things last only for a time, but the invisible are eternal.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life
will raise us with Jesus in our turn,
and put us by his side and you with us.

You see, all this is for your benefit,
so that the more grace is multiplied among people,
the more thanksgiving there will be,
to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part,
and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay,
the inner man is renewed day by day.

Yes the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little,
train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory
which is out of all proportion to them.

And so we have no eyes for things that are visible,
but only for things that are invisible;
for visible things last only for a time,
and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up,
there is a house built by God for us,
an everlasting home not made by human hands,
in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.