

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,  
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous judge,  
will give me on that day, and not only to me  
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**The word of the Lord**

