

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into
Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into
death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory
of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we
shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified through him, so that our
sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer
be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we
have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no
longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.