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(802-12) 1 John 4:7–12

God is love.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

**Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows
God.**

**Whoever is without love does not know God, for God
is love.**

**In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.**

**In this is love:
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.**

**Beloved, 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.**

The word of the Lord.