

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

6:14.16

A faithful friend is a sure shelter. Whoever finds one has found a rare treasure. A faithful friend is someone beyond price; there is no treasuring his worth. A faithful friend is the elixir of life and those who fear the Lord will find one. Whoever fears the Lord makes true friends, for as a person is, so is his friends.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.