

A reading from the book of Sirach

I will now praise the godly,
 our ancestors, in their own time,
 yet these also were godly;
 their virtues have not been forgotten.
Their wealth remains in their families,
 their heritage with their descendants.
Through God's covenant their family endures,
 and their offspring for their sake.
And for all time their progeny will endure,
 their glory will never be blotted out;
 their bodies are buried in peace,
 but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,
 and the assembly proclaims their praises.

The Word of the Lord