

## **A reading from Song of Songs**

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;

For Love is strong as Death,  
longing is fierce as shale.

Its arrows are arrows of fire,  
flames of the divine.

Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor rivers sweep it away.

Were one to offer all the wealth of his house for love,  
he would be utterly despised.

## **The Word of the Lord**