A reading from the first letter of John

(3:1-2)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.