

*The God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9)*

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to  
God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your  
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen  
in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

**The word of the Lord.**