**Alternate Second Reading **

Reading II From the New Testament – (Second Reading)

2nd Letter to Timothy 4:6-8

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy:

For I am already poured out like a libation, and the time of my

departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have

kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge,

will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord