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| Romans  5: 17-21  Selection B3 | **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**  **Brothers and Sisters:**  **If, by the transgression of one person,**  **death came to reign through that one,**  **how much more will those who receive**  **the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification**  **come to reign in life**  **through the one person Jesus Christ.**  **In conclusion, just as through one transgression**  **condemnation came upon all,**  **so through one righteous act**  **acquittal and life came to all.**  **For just as through the disobedience of one person**  **the many were made sinners,**  **so through the obedience of one**  **the many will be made righteous.**  **The law entered in**  **so that transgression might increase but,**  **where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,**  **so that, as sin reigned in death,**  **grace also might reign through justification for**  **eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**    **The Word of the Lord** |