

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
or theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus said,

“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
because you have hidden these things from the wise  
and the intelligent  
and have revealed them to infants;  
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”

He continued:

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father;  
and no one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me,  
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps  
and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;  
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed,  
all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout,

‘Look! Here is the bridegroom!

Come out to meet him.’

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise replied,

‘No! There will not be enough for you and for us;  
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,  
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;  
and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,

‘Lord, lord, open to us.’

But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’

Keep awake therefore,  
for you know neither the day nor the house.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Come, you that are blessed by my Father.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the Angels with him,  
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.  
All the nations will be gathered before him,  
and he will separate people one from another  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,  
and he will put the sheep at his right hand  
and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand,  
‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world;  
for I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
I was naked and you gave me clothing,  
I was sick and you took care of me,  
I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him,  
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food,  
or thirsty and gave you something to drink?  
And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you,  
or naked and gave you clothing?  
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and visited you?’

And the king will answer them,  
“Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand,  
'You that are accursed,  
depart from me into the eternal fire  
prepared for the devil and his angels;  
for I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not give me clothing,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer,  
'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty  
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,  
and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them,  
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The Gospel of the Lord.

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Mark 15.33-39; 16.1-6

*Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.*

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

When it was noon,  
darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine,  
put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two,  
from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion,  
who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last,  
he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" \*

When the Sabbath was over,  
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James,  
and Salome bought spices,  
so that they might go and anoint Jesus.

And very early on the first day of the week,  
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another,  
"Who will roll away the stone for us from  
the entrance of the tomb?"

When they looked up,  
they saw that the stone, which was very large,  
had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb,  
they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,  
sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them,  
"Do not be alarmed;  
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

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The Gospel of the Lord.



*Young man, I say to you, rise!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus went to a town called Nain,  
and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.

As he approached the gate of the town,  
a man who had died was being carried out.

He was his mother's only son,  
and she was a widow;  
and with her was a large crowd from the town.

When the Lord saw her,  
he had compassion for her and said to her,  
"Do not weep."

Then he came forward and touched the pallet,  
and the bearers stood still.

And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized all of them;  
and they glorified God, saying,  
"A great Prophet has risen among us!"  
and "God has looked favourably on his people!"

This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea  
and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;  
be like those who are waiting for their master  
to return from the wedding banquet,  
so that they may open the door for him  
as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves  
whom the master finds alert when he comes;  
truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt  
and have them sit down to eat,  
and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn,  
and finds them so,  
blessed are those slaves.

But know this:

if the owner of the house  
had known at what hour the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Today you will be with me in Paradise.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,  
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,  
one on his right and one on his left.

One of the criminals who were hanged there  
kept deriding him and saying,

“Are you not the Christ?

Save yourself and us!”

But the other rebuked him, saying,

“Do you not fear God,

since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?

And we indeed have been condemned justly,

for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,

but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said,

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus replied,

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

A shorter version (44-46, 50, 52-53) concludes at the asterisk.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was now about noon,  
and the darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon,  
while the sun's light failed;  
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,  
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph,  
who was a member of the council.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth,  
and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one  
had ever been laid. \*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn,  
the women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee  
came to the tomb,  
taking the spices that they had prepared.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this,  
suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

The women were terrified  
and bowed their faces to the ground,  
but the men said to them,

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and then enter into his glory?*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the first day of the week,  
two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem,  
and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing,  
Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them,

“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things  
that have taken place there in these days?”

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They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,  
and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over  
to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

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Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,  
he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.  
As they came near the village to which they were going,  
he walked ahead as if he were going on.  
But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening  
and the day is now nearly over.”  
So he went in to stay with them.  
When he was at the table with them,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him;  
and he vanished from their sight.  
They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he was talking to us on the road,  
while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”  
That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;  
and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.  
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The Gospel of the Lord.



*Whoever believes in him will have eternal life.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“No one has ascended into heaven  
except the one who descended from heaven,  
the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Anyone who hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews:

“Very truly, I tell you,  
anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me  
has eternal life,  
and does not come under judgment,  
but has passed from death to life.

Very truly, I tell you,  
the hour is coming, and is now here,  
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,  
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,  
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself;  
and he has given him authority to execute judgment,  
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be astonished at this;  
for the hour is coming  
when all who are in their graves will hear his voice  
and will come out –  
those who have done good,  
to the resurrection of life,  
and those who have done evil,  
to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;  
for I have come down from heaven,  
not to do my own will,  
but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,  
but raise it up on the last day.

This is indeed the will of my Father,  
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life;  
and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Whoever eats of this bread will live forever and I will raise them up on the last day.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the people:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I will give for the life of the world

is my flesh.”

The people then disputed among themselves, saying,

“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

So Jesus said to them,

“Very truly, I tell you,

unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you have no life in you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me,

and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me,

and I live because of the Father,

so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven,

not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died.

But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

A shorter version (21-27) begins at the asterisk.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When Jesus arrived at Bethany,

he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,

some two miles away,

and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,

she went and met him,

while Mary stayed at home. \*

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that God will give you

whatever you ask of him.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him,

“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me,

even though they die, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him,

“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,

the Son of God,

the one coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping,  
and the Jews who came with her also weeping,  
he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said,

“Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man  
have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

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So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said,

"Father, I thank you for having heard me.

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but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here,

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When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,

his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth,

and his face wrapped in a cloth.

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The Gospel of the Lord



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John 12. 23-28

*When the seed of grain dies, it bears much fruit.*

The shorter version (23-26) concludes at the asterisk.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus answered his disciples,

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you,

unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,

it remains just a single grain;

but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

The person who loves their life loses it,

and the person who hates their life in this world

will keep it for eternal life.

“Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. \*

“Now my soul is troubled.

And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour’?

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven,

“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you

that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and will take you to myself,

so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*I desire that those you have given me may be with me where I am.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

“Father,

I desire that those also, whom you have given me,

may be with me where I am,

to see my glory, which you have given me

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father,

the world does not know you, but I know you;

and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them,

and I will make it known,

so that the love with which you have loved me

may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Carrying the Cross by himself,  
Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,  
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

There they crucified him,  
and with him two others, one on either side,  
with Jesus between them.

Standing near the Cross of Jesus were his mother,  
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother  
and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,  
he said to his mother,

“Woman, here is your son.”

Then he said to the disciple,

“Here is your mother.”

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,  
he said (in order to fulfill the Scripture),

“I am thirsty.”

A jar full of sour wine was standing there.

So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop  
and held it to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

“It is finished.”

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.