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2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

took up a collection among all his soldiers,

amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,

which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,

it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward

that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead

that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

**When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth with skillful hands.
Like merchant ships,
she secures her provisions from afar.
She rises while it is still night,
and distributes food to her household.
She picks out a field to purchase;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She is girt about with strength,
and sturdy are her arms.
She enjoys the success of her dealings;
at night her lamp is undimmed.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
She fears not the snow for her household;
all her charges are doubly clothed.
She makes her own coverlets;
fine linen and purple are her clothing.
Her husband is prominent at the city gates
as he sits with the elders of the land.
She makes garments and sells them,
and stocks the merchants with belts.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,**

and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.
Her children rise up and praise her;
her husband, too, extols her:
"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

**There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.**

**A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.**

**A time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.**

**A time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.**

**A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.**

**A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.**

**A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.**

**A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

**But the souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.**

**They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.**

But they are in peace.

**For if before humankind, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;**

**Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.**

**As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.**

**Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:**

**Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with the elect.**

The Word of the Lord.

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**In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;**

**They shall judge nations and rule over peoples
and the Lord shall be their King forever.**

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and the faithful shall abide with him in love:**

**Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
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The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

**The just man, though he die early,
shall be at rest.**

**For the age that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.**

**Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.**

**He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;**

**For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.**

**Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.**

**But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.**

The word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

**On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples**

**On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,**

**The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.**

**The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;**

**The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.**

On that day it will be said:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the Lord for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

**On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich food and choice wines
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.**

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This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke;

Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;

If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday;

Then the LORD will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land. He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.

The ancient ruins shall be rebuilt for your sake, and the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; "Repairer of the breach," they shall call you, "Restorer of ruined homesteads."

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

But now, thus says the LORD,

who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you;

in the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned;

the flames shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD, your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in return for you.

Because you are precious in my eyes

and glorious, and because I love you,

I give men in return for you

and peoples in exchange for your life.

Fear not, for I am with you;

from the east I will bring back your descendants,

from the west I will gather you.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

**For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare, not for woe!
plans to give you a future full of hope.**

**When you call me, when you go to pray to me,
I will listen to you.**

When you look for me, you will find me.

**Yes, when you seek me with all your heart,
you will find me with you, says the LORD,
and I will change your lot.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

**For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future of hope.**

**Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me,
I will hear you.**

**When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart,
I will let you find me, says the LORD,
and I will restore your fortunes.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Lamentations.

**My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:**

**The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.**

**Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.**

The Word of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

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The word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Daniel.

**In those days, I, Daniel, mourned
and I heard this word of the Lord:**

**"At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;**

**It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.**

**At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.**

**Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
Some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.**

**But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever. "**

The Word of the Lord.

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Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

**Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.**

**You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.**

**He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the
Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.**

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

**This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

**He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.**

**To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

The word of the Lord.

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The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

**because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

**though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.**

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

**we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.**

Not only that,

**but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

**If, by the transgression of the one,
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 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 the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the 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.**

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?**

**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.**

**If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.**

**We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.**

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we too might live in newness of life.**

**For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.**

**We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.**

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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we believe that we shall also live with him.**

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death no longer has power over him.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

on the contrary, you are in the spirit,

if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you,

although the body is dead because of sin,

the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

the one who raised Christ from the dead

will give life to your mortal bodies also,

through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Consequently, brothers and sisters,

we are not debtors to the flesh,

to live according to the flesh.

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,

but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,

you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a Spirit of adoption,

through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit

that we are children of God,

**and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.**

The word of the Lord.

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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through which we cry, *Abba*, “Father!”**

**The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.**

**I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.**

**For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself
would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.**

**We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,**

**we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly

through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

**We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.**

For those he foreknew

**he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

And those he predestined he also called;

and those he called he also justified;

and those he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

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Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

As it is written:

**"For your sake we are being slain all the day;
we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."**

**No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 10:1-13

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

**Brothers and sisters,
my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation.**

**I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God,
but it is not discerning.**

**For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God
and their attempt to establish their own righteousness,
they did not submit to the righteousness of God.**

**For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who
has faith.**

**Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the law,
"The one who does these things will live by them."**

But the righteousness that comes from faith says,

**"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?'
that is, to bring Christ down or
'Who will go down into the abyss?'
that is, to bring Christ up from the dead."**

But what does Scripture say?

**"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"**

- that is, the word of faith that we preach -,

**for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

**For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.**

For the Scripture says,

"No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

the same Lord is Lord of all,

enriching all who call upon him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being,

the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die,

so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,

but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

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Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,

for *he subjected everything under his feet.*

But when it says that everything has been subjected,

it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected

to the one who subjected everything to him,

so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

As God is faithful,

our word to you is not "yes" and "no."

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ,

**who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me,
was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him.**

For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him;

**therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for
glory.**

But the one who gives us security with you in Christ

and who anointed us is God;

he has also put his seal upon us

and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus

will raise us also with Jesus

and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,

**so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.**

Therefore, we are not discouraged;

rather, although our outer self is wasting away,

our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction

**is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all
comparison,**

as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;

for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,

should be destroyed,

we have a building from God,

a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:5-16

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

**We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.**

**For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to bring to light
the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ.**

**But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.**

**We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not abandoned;
struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.**

**For we who live are constantly being given up to death
for the sake of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith,
according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke,"
we too believe and therefore speak,
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his
presence.**

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The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.**

**We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.**

The Word of the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.**

**In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the favor of his will.**

The word of the Lord.

Philippians 3:20-21

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified Body

by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

**We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.**

**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.**

**Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

**For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

**Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.**

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18

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The word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:

**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:
such is my gospel, for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.**

But the word of God is not chained.

**Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory.**

This saying is trustworthy:

**If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.**

**But if we deny him
he will deny us.**

**If we are unfaithful
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.**

The Word of the Lord.

Hebrews 3:1-6

A Reading from the book of Hebrews.

**Holy brothers and sisters, sharing in a heavenly calling,
reflect on Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,
who was faithful to the one who appointed him,
just as Moses was "faithful in (all) his house."
But he is worthy of more "glory" than Moses,
as the founder of a house has more "honor" than the house itself.**

**Every house is founded by someone,
but the founder of all is God.**

Moses was "faithful in all his house"

**as a "servant" to testify to what would be spoken,
but Christ was faithful as a son placed over his house.**

We are his house,

if (only) we hold fast to our confidence and pride in our hope.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

**Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come,
and not the very image of them,
it can never make perfect those who come to worship
by the same sacrifices that they offer continually each year.
Otherwise, would not the sacrifices have ceased to be offered,
since the worshipers, once cleansed,
would no longer have had any consciousness of sins?
but in those sacrifices there is only a yearly remembrance of sins,
for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away
sins.**

For this reason, when he came into the world, he said:

**"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.**

Then I said,

**'As is written of me in the scroll,
Behold, I come to do you will, O God.'** "

First he says,

**"Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in."**

These are offered according to the law.

Then he says,

"Behold, I come to do you will."

He takes away the first to establish the second.

**By this "will," we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the letter of Saint James.

Beloved:

Come now, you who say,

**"Today or tomorrow we shall go into such and such a town,
spend a year there doing business, and make a profit."**

- you have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow.

You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears.

Instead you should say,

"If the Lord wills it, we shall live to do this or that."

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.**

Yet so 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 shall be has not yet been revealed.**

**We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.**

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

**We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.**

Whoever does not love remains in death.

**Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.**

**The way we came to know love
was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

**I, John, had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.**

**They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.**

They cried out in a loud voice:

**“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb.**

**“For this reason they stand before God’s throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.**

The One who sits on the throne will shelter them.

**They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.**

**For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them**

and lead them to springs of life-giving water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

**"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."**

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 20:11–21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

**I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.**

**I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.**

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

**The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.**

**The sea gave up its dead;
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.**

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

(This pool of fire is the second death.)

**Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
was thrown into the pool of fire.**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

**The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.**

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

**I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away.”**

**The One who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”**

The word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

**The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.**

**I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.**

**He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.**

**He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away."**

**The One who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new.**

**I am the Alpha and the Omega,
The beginning and the end.**

**To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.**

**The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son."**

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPELS

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

He began to teach them, saying:

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

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

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.**

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

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of
me.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

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and utter every kind of evil against you because of me.**

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

Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

**It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled
underfoot.**

You are the light of the world.

**A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly
Father.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 11:25-30

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus answered:

**"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.**

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

**No one knows the Son except the Father, and
no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins

who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,

brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,

they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.**

**And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

‘Come, you who 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 drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me,

ill and you cared for me,

in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

**‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?**

**When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?**

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did

for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

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**And the king will say to them in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did**

for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you accursed,
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 no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them,
but the disciples rebuked them.**

**When Jesus saw this he became indignant, and said to them,
"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

**Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child
will not enter it."**

**Then he embraced the children and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.**

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

which is translated,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

“Look, he is calling Elijah.”

**One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed,
and gave it to him to drink, saying,**

“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him

saw how he breathed his last he said,

“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

When the sabbath was over,

**Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome
bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.**

Very early when the sun had risen,

on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another,

**“Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?”**

**When they looked up,
they saw that the stone had been rolled back;
it was very large.**

**On entering the tomb they saw a young man
sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.**

**He said to them, “Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid him.”**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.**

**As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.**

A large crowd from the city was with her.

**When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
“Do not weep.”**

**He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”**

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

**Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,
“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”
and “God has visited his people.”**

**This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps

and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,

ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified Jesus and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.**

**Now one of the criminals hanging there
reviled Jesus, saying,
“Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us.”**

**The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
“Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?**

**And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal.”**

Then he said,

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

He replied to him,

**“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.**

**Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed his last.**

**Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus.**

**After he had taken the Body down,
he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.**

**At daybreak on the first day of the week
the women took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.**

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;
but when they entered,
they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus.**

**While they were puzzling over this, behold,
two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.
They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground.**

They said to them,

**“Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.**

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

**Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed his last.**

**Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus.**

**After he had taken the Body down,
he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.**

He asked them,

“What are you discussing as you walk along?”

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

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

And he replied to them, “What sort of things?”

They said to him,

**“The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over
to a sentence of death and crucified him.**

**But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;
and besides all this,**

it is now the third day since this took place.

**Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:
they were at the tomb early in the morning
and did not find his Body;
they came back and reported
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who announced that he was alive.**

**Then some of those with us went to the tomb
and found things just as the women had described,
but him they did not see.”**

**And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?”**

**Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him
in all the Scriptures.**

**As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.**

**But they urged him, “Stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”**

So he went in to stay with them.

**And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.**

**With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.**

Then they said to each other,

**⌌Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?⌋
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered together
the Eleven and those with them, who were saying,
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The Gospel of the Lord.

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Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

**"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes in the one who sent me
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death to life.**

**Amen, amen, I say to 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 also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.**

**And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.**

**Do not be amazed at this,
because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs
will hear his voice and will come out,
those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life,
but those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Jesus said to the crowds:

**“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.**

**And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.**

**For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
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Jesus said to the crowd:

**"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world."**

**The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"**

Jesus said to them,

**"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,
you do not have life within you.**

**Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.**

**For my Flesh is true food,
and my Blood is true drink.**

**Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.**

**Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.**

**This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,**

whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Jesus said again,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came (before me) are thieves and robbers,

but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved,

and will come in and go out and find pasture.

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

**because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me,
but I lay it down on my own.
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**But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."**

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

**"I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day."**

Jesus told her,

**"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

**I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world."**

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.**

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

**And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.**

**When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home.**

**Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.**

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**When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died."**

**When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her
weeping,
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,
"Where have you laid him?"**

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

**"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?"**

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

**"Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days."**

Jesus said to her,

**"Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?"**

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,

that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this,

he cried out in a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands,

and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them,

"Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary

and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

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

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

>Father, save me from this hour'?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

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Jesus cried out and said,

**"Whoever believes in me believes not only in me
but also in the one who sent me,
and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.**

I came into the world as light,

**so that everyone who believes in me
might not remain in darkness.**

And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them,

I do not condemn him,

for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.

Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words

has something to judge him:

the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day,

because I did not speak on my own,

**but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and
speak.**

And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

So what I say, I say as the Father told me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Have faith in God;

and faith in me.

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

otherwise, how could I have told you

that I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,

and then I shall come back to take you with me,

that where I am you also may be.

You know the way that leads where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him:

"I am the way and the truth and the life;

no one comes to the Father but through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,

that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,

but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,

that the love with which you loved me

may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew, Golgotha.**

**There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.**

**Standing by 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,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."**

**Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."**

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

**After this, aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst."**

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

**So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.**

**When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,
"It is finished."**

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

**Now since it was preparation day,
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the
sabbath,**

**for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken
and they be taken down.**

**So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.**

**But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs,
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.**

**An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;
he knows that he is speaking the truth,
so that you also may come to believe.**

**For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:
Not a bone of it will be broken.**

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

**After this, Joseph of Arimathea,
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,
asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.**

And Pilate permitted it.

So he came and took his Body.

**Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes**

weighing about one hundred pounds.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

On the first day of the week,

**Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.**

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

**and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."**

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

**They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;**

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

**he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.**

Then the other disciple also went in,

**the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.**

**For they did not yet understand the scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.**

Then the disciples returned home.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.

**And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb
and saw two angels in white sitting there,**

one at the head and one at the feet
where the body of Jesus had been.
And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"
She said to them, "They have taken my Lord,
and I don't know where they laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there,
but did not know it was Jesus.
Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?"
She thought it was the gardener and said to him,
"Sir, if you carried him away,
tell me where you laid him,
and I will take him."
Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
"Rabbouni,"
which means Teacher.
Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and tell them,
'I am going to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.' "
Mary went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord,"
and then reported what he told her.

The Gospel of the Lord.