

# Gospel Readings

**A.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Mt 25:34*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew** (*5:1-12*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**B.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Mt 11:25*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew** (*11:25-30*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*You have hidden things from the learned and have revealed them to children.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**C.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Ph 3:20*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, will come from heaven to save us.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew** (25:1-13)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Look, the bridegroom is coming; go out and meet him.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

'Then the kingdom of Heaven will be like this: Ten wedding attendants took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones, though they took their lamps, took no oil with them, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "Look! The bridegroom! Go out and meet him." Then all those wedding attendants woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other attendants arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "In truth I tell you, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

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Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew** (25:31-46)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Come, you whom my Father has blessed.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Then he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was

hungry and you never gave me food, I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink, I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, lacking clothes and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “In truth I tell you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the upright to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**E.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (2 Tm 2:11b-12a)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him,  
and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark** (15:33-39; 16-1-6)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

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

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling on Elijah.’ Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying, ‘Wait! And see if Elijah will come to take him down.’ But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the veil of the Sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, ‘In truth this man was Son of God.’

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they saw that the stone-which was very big-had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need to be so amazed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him.’

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**F.****Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 11:25-26*)**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (*7:11-17*)**All: Glory to you Lord.***Young man, I say to you, to get up.*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for a burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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will come from heaven to save us.

**Alleluia!**

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**All: And also with you.**Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (*12:35-40*)**All: Glory to you Lord.***Be like servants waiting for the arrival of their master.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. In truth I tell you, he will do up his belt, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch that he comes, or in the third, but blessed are those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****H.****Gospel Acclamation** (*Ap 14:13*)**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (*23:33. 39-43*)**All: Glory to you Lord.***Today you will be with me in paradise.*

When the soldiers reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left.

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**I.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia** (*Ap 1:5a. 6b*)

Jesus Christ is the first born from the dead;  
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (*23:44-46. 50. 52-53; 24:1-6a*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Father, I put my life in your hands.*

It was now about the sixth hour and the sun's light failed, so that darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Sanctuary was torn right down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice saying, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

Then a member of the Council arrived, a good and upright man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put it in a tomb which was hewn in stone and which had never held a body.

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering they could not find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled about this, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women bowed their heads to the ground. But the two said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### **SHORTER VERSION**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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**J.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia** (*Jn 3:16*)

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (*24:13-35*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

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

Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. And it happened that as they were talking together and discussing it, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. He said to them, 'What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?' They stopped, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' He asked, 'What things?' They answered, 'All about Jesus of Nazareth, who showed himself a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have now gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they could not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe all that the prophets have said! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer before entering into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the Scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them saying, 'It is nearly evening, and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (5:24-29)**

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

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

Jesus said to the Jews:

I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgement he has passed from death to life. I tell you most solemnly, the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and all who hear it will live. For the Father, who is the source of life, has made the Son the source of life; and, because he is the Son of Man, has appointed him supreme judge. Do not be surprised at this, for the hour is coming when the dead will leave their graves at the sound of his voice; those who did good will rise again to life; and those who did evil, to condemnation. I can do nothing by myself; I can only judge as I am told to judge, and my judging is just, because my aim is to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**L.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 6:39*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (6:37-40)**

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*All who believe in Jesus have eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of the one who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.'

Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 6:51a*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*6:51-58*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*All who eat this bread will live for ever; and I will raise them up on the last day.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

Jesus replied to them: In all truth I tell you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise that person up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in that person.

As the living Father sent me and I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will also draw life from me.

This is the bread which has come down from heaven; it is not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**N.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 11:25a. 26*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*11:17-27*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many 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. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **SHORTER VERSION**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (11:21-27)**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**O.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Jn 3:16)**

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**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (11:32.45)**

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Lazarus, come out.*

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who had come with her, Jesus was greatly distressed, and with a profound sigh he said, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man. Could he not have prevented this man's death?' Sighing again, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day since he died.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took the stone away.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I myself knew that you hear me always, but I speak for the sake of all these who are standing around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with strips of material, and a cloth over his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what he did, believed in him.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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**P.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Ap 14:13*)

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Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*12:23-28*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Jesus said to his disciples: Now the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. In all truth I tell you, unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me, must follow me, and my servant will be with me wherever I am. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will again glorify it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Q.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 6:40*)

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that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life  
and that I will raise them to life again on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*14:1-6*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*There are many rooms in my Father's house*

Jesus said to his disciples:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**R.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 6:39*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*17:24-26*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.'

Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**S.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn 11:25a. 26*)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John** (*19:17-18. 25-39*)

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

*Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to the Place of the Skull or, as it is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side, Jesus being in the middle.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his

mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed and, so that the Scripture should be completely fulfilled, he said: I am thirsty. A jar full of sour wine stood there; so, putting a sponge soaked in the wine on a hyssop stick, they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the wine he said, 'It is fulfilled'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

It was the Day of Preparation, and to avoid the bodies' remaining on the cross during the Sabbath-since that Sabbath was a day of special solemnity-the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they saw he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. This is the evidence of one who saw it-true evidence, and he knows that what he says is true-and he gives it so that you may believe as well. Because all this happened to fulfil the words of Scripture: Not one bone of his will be broken; and again, in another place Scripture says: They will look to the one whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathaea, who was a disciple of Jesus-though a secret one because he was afraid of the Jews-asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission, so they came and took it away. Nicodemus came as well-the same one who had first come to Jesus at night-time-and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **SHORTER VERSION**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (19:25-27)**

*Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**