

Gospel

A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to Matthew:

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them;

"How blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing;
they shall be consoled.

Blest are the lowly;
they shall inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted
for they shall see God.

Blest too are the peacemakers;
they shall be called the sons and daughters of God. Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake:

the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you
because of me.

Be glad and rejoice,
for your reward in heaven is great."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 5, 1-12

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A Reading From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

At that time Jesus said in reply,

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things

from the wise and the 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 your selves.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Matthew 11:25-30

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Gospel (Short Form)

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Matthew 11:28-30

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Gospel

A Reading From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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.

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Matthew 25:1-13

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A Reading From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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.'

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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 25:31-46

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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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Mark 15:33-39;16:1-6 G-5

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Mark 15:33-39

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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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 7:11-17

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

"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, the master will gird himself with the apron, have the servants
recline at the table,

and the master will proceed to wait on the servants.

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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:35-40

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him 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 Messiah? Save yourself and us."

The other, 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." Jesus replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

It was now 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.

But 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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Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a

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Gospel (Short Form)

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. 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 Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he 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.

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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, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Luke 24:13-35

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Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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John 5:24-29

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

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, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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John 6:37-40

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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John 6:51-58

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel According to John:

When Jesus arrived,
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.

(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 Messiah, the Son of God, the
one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

John 11:17-27

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Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel According to John:

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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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John 11:32-45

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;
have faith also in me.

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

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Where (I) am going you know the way." Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

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

No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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John 14:1-6

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to

John Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

Father, my disciples 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.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

John 17:24-26

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus carrying the cross himself

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 of Magdala.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

John 19:17-18,25-30

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John:

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments,

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me,

but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

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John 15:9-17

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes,
when he came forward
and heard them disputing
and saw how well he had answered them,
asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"
Jesus replied, "The first is this:
'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind, and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other
commandment greater than these."
The scribe said to him,
"Well said, teacher. You are right in saying,
'He is One and there is no other than he.'
And 'to love him with all your heart,
with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as
yourself'
is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."
And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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Mark 12:28-34

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