

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus:

"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 word of the Lord.

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When he saw the crowds, Jesus 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.

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,

he 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."

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Now that very day, the first day of the week,
two of the disciples 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.
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,
"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.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus told 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 loses 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.

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.

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.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

“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.

My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Jesus said to his disciples,

"A little while and you will no longer see me,
and again a little while later and you will see me."

So some of his disciples said to one another,

"What does this mean that he is saying to us,
'A little while and you will not see me,
and again a little while and you will see me,'
and 'Because I am going to the Father'?"

So they said,

"What is this 'little while' of which he speaks?
We do not know what he means."

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them,

"Are you discussing with one another what I said,
'A little while and you will not see me,
and again a little while and you will see me'?"

Amen, amen, I say to you,
you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices;
you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.

When a woman is in labor,
she is in anguish because her hour has arrived;
but when she has given birth to a child,
she no longer remembers the pain
because of her joy that a child has been born into the world.

So you also are now in anguish.

But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice,
and no one will take your joy away from you.

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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 of Magdala went and announced to the disciples,

"I have seen the Lord," and what he told her.

The Gospel of the Lord.