

# Gospel Readings

## Gospel #1

Matthew 5: 1-12a

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

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.

## Gospel #2

Matthew 11: 25-30

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said, "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 yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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## Gospel #3

Matthew 25: 1-13

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "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.

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## Gospel #4

Matthew 25: 31 46

**#4b** – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

### 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.' [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."]

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## Gospel #5

Mark 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6

**#5b** – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

### 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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## Gospel #6

Luke 7: 11 17

### 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.

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## Gospel #7

Luke 12: 35 40

### 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."  
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## Gospel #8

Luke 23: 33, 39 43

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

When they 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 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."  
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise."  
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## Gospel #9

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

**#9b** – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

### 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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## Gospel #10

Luke 24: 13 35

**#10b** – *[For short form, omit bracketed text.]*

### 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.

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.

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## Gospel #11

John 5: 24-29

### A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews: "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.

## Gospel #12

John 6: 37-40

### A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

"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."

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## Gospel #13

John 6: 51 58

### 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.”

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## Gospel #14

John 11: 17 27

**#14b** *[For short form, omit bracketed text.]*

### 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.

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."

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## Gospel #15

John 11: 32 45

### A reading from the holy 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.

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## Gospel #16

John 12: 23 28

**#16b** – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

### 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.

[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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## Gospel #17

John 14: 1 6

### 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.

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## Gospel #18

John 17: 24 26

### 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.

## Gospel #19

John 19: 17 18, 25 30

### 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.

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## Gospel #20

Matthew 5: 13-16

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“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.”

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## Gospel #21

Matthew 7: 24-27

### A reading of the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine

but does not act on them

will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

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## Gospel #22

Matthew 10: 26b-32

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.  
What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.  
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one  
who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.  
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?  
Yet not one of them falls to the ground  
without your Father's knowledge.  
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.  
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.  
Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

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## Gospel #23

Matthew 14: 22-33

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.  
After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.  
When it was evening he was there alone.  
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,  
was being tossed about by the waves,  
for the wind was against it.  
During the fourth watch of the night,  
he came toward them, walking on the sea.  
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea  
they were terrified.  
"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.  
At once Jesus spoke to them,  
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."  
Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you,  
command me to come to you on the water."  
He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.  
When he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened;  
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him,  
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"  
After they got into the boat, the wind died down.  
Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,  
"Truly, you are the Son of God."

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## Gospel #24

Matthew 25: 29-40

### A reading of 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.”

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## Gospel #25

Mark 10: 13-16

### 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 them and blessed them,  
placing his hands on them.

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## Gospel #26

Luke 12: 22-31

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you,  
do not worry about your life and what you will eat,  
or about your body and what you will wear.  
For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.  
Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap;  
they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them.  
How much more important are you than birds!  
Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan?  
If even the smallest things are beyond your control,  
why are you anxious about the rest?  
Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin.  
But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor  
was dressed like one of them.  
If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today  
and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,  
will he not much more provide for you, O you of little  
faith? As for you, do not seek what you are to eat  
and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore.  
All the nations of the world seek for these things,  
and your Father knows that you need them.  
Instead, seek his kingdom,  
and these other things will be given you besides."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel #27

Luke 12: 35-40

### 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.

# Gospel Readings

## Gospel #28

Luke 22: 14-20

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the hour came,  
    Jesus took his place at table with the apostles.  
He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover  
    with you before I suffer,  
for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again  
    until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."  
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,  
    "Take this and share it among yourselves;  
for I tell you that from this time on  
    I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine  
    until the kingdom of God comes."  
Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it,  
    and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body,  
    which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."  
And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying,  
    "This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
    which will be shed for you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel #29

Luke 23: 44-47

### 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.  
The centurion who witnessed what had happened  
    glorified God and said,  
    "This man was innocent beyond doubt."

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Gospel Readings

## Gospel #30

Luke 24: 1-9

### A reading of the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.  
Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee:  
That the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners  
and be crucified and rise on the third day.”  
And they remembered his words.  
Then they returned from the tomb  
and announced all these things to the eleven  
and to all the others.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel #31

Luke 24: 35-48

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way,  
and how Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread.  
While they were still speaking about this,  
he stood in their midst and said to them,  
“Peace be with you.”  
But they were startled and terrified  
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.  
Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled?  
And why do questions arise in your hearts?  
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.  
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and  
bones  
as you can see I have.”  
And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.  
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,  
he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”  
They gave him a piece of baked fish;  
He took it and ate it in front of them.  
He said to them, “These are my words  
that I spoke to you while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the Law of Moses  
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”  
Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.  
And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah  
would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day  
And that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name to all the nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Gospel Readings

## Gospel #32

John 6: 44-51

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can come to me  
unless the Father who sent me draw him,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

"They shall all be taught by God."

Everyone who listens to my Father  
and learns from him comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen the Father

except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;

This is the bread that comes down from heaven

so that one may eat it and not die.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel #33

John 10: 11-15

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples, "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: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel #34

John 17: 1-5

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,

"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son,  
so that your son may glorify you,

Just as you gave him authority over all people,

so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you,

the only true God,

and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work

that you gave me to do.

Now glorify me, Father, with you,

with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Gospel Readings

## Gospel #35

John 20: 11-18

### A reading of the holy Gospel according to John

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.

## Gospel #36

John 20: 19-20, 24-29

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked,  
where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,  
"Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So, the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."  
But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his  
hands  
and put my finger into the nail marks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."  
Now a week later, his disciples were again inside,  
and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the  
doors  
were locked, and stood in their midst and said,  
"Peace be with you."  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my  
hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him,  
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
The Gospel of the Lord.