

FUNERAL  
LITURGY  
READINGS

OLPH PARISH

A-1

**FIRST READING: *Job 19:1, 23-27a***

**A Reading from the Book of Job**

Then Job answered:

“How long will you torment me,  
And break me in pieces with words?  
O that my words were written down!  
    O that they were inscribed in a book  
    And engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
Then in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see on my side,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

    a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

    a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

    a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

    a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

    a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

    a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

    a time for war, and a time for peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A-3

**FIRST READING: *Wisdom 3:1-3,9***

**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
And no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
And their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
And their going from us to be their destruction;  
But they are at peace.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
And the faithful will abide with him in love,  
Because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
And he watches over his elect.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: *Wisdom 4:7-15***

**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

For old age is not honored for length of time,  
Or measure by number of years;  
But understanding is gray hair for anyone,  
And a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,  
And while living among sinners were taken up.  
They were caught up so that evil might not change their  
understanding or guile deceive their souls.  
For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,  
And roving desire perverts the innocent mind.

Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;  
For their souls were pleasing to the Lord,  
Therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,  
Or take such a thing to heart,  
That God's grace and mercy are with his elect,  
And that he watches over his holy ones.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A-5

**FIRST READING: *Sirach 25:1***

**A Reading from the Book of Sirach**

I take pleasure in three things,  
And they are beautiful in the sight of God  
And of mortals:  
Agreement among brothers and sisters,  
Friendship among neighbours,  
And a wife and husband who live in harmony.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A-6

**FIRST READING: *Isaiah 25:6-9***

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain the Lord of host will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
a rich food filled with marrow,  
of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever,  
Then the Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away  
from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.  
The LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A-7

**FIRST READING: *Isaiah 41:9-11, 13-14***

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

“You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”;  
Do not fear, for I am with you,  
Do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and  
disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and  
shall perish.

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;  
It is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”  
Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**FIRST READING: *Isaiah 49:8, 14-16***

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord to his servant:

In a time of favor I have answered you,

On a day of salvation I have helped you;

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,

My Lord has forgotten me."

Can a woman forget her nursing child,

Or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget,

Yet I will not forget you.

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hand.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: *Lamentations 3:17-26***

**A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.**

My soul is deprived of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
So I say “Gone is my glory,  
and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.”

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it  
And is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
as therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
For the salvation of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 12:43-45**

**A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees.**

Judas Maccabeus took up a collection, man by man,  
to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver,  
and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for sin offering.  
In doing this he acted very well and honourably,  
taking account of the resurrection.

For if he were not expecting that those who have fallen  
would rise again,  
It would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the  
dead.

But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up  
For those who fall asleep in godliness,  
It was a holy and pious thought.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-1**

**SECOND READING: *Acts 10:34-43***

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

"I truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

“We are witnesses of all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 5:5-11***

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

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare even to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 5:17-21***

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

If, because of the trespass of one death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercised dominion in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as the trespass of one led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one person that many will be made righteous.

But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 6:3-9***

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

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 8:14-23***

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

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait eagerly for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**B-6**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 8:31-35,37-39***

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

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for us all, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 14:7-12***

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

My brothers and sisters, we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-8**

**SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8***

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters, strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-9**

**SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26***

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death, came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 15:51-57***

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body must puts on imperishability, and the mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-11**

**SECOND READING: 2 *Corinthians* 4:7-15**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters, we have this treasure in clay vessels, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture, 'I believed, and so I spoke,'— we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-12**

**SECOND READING: 2 *Corinthians* 4:14-5:1**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-13**

**SECOND READING: 2 *Corinthians* 5:1,6-10**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**B-14**

**SECOND READING: *Ephesians 2:19-22***

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-15**

**SECOND READING: *Philippians 3:20-21***

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.**

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-16**

**SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18***

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-17**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-18**

**SECOND READING: *1 John 3:1-2***

**A reading from the first letter of John.**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**B-19**

**SECOND READING: *1 John 4:7-12***

**A reading from the first letter of John.**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Revelation 20:11-21:1***

**A reading from the Book of Revelation.**

In my vision, I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: *Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7***

**A reading from the Book of Revelation.**

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



C-1

**GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

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

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-2

**GOSPEL: *Matthew 11:25-30***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.” Then turning to his disciples, Jesus said: “All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:1-13***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

When talking about his coming in glory, Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.”

“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. “Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:31-40***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.”

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *Mark 15:33-39***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-6

**GOSPEL: *Mark 16:1-6***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-7

**GOSPEL: *Luke 7:11-17***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the pallet, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-8

**GOSPEL: *Luke 12:35-40***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.’

“If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**GOSPEL: *Luke 23:33, 39-43***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-10

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-11

**GOSPEL: *Luke 24:1-6***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *Luke 24:13-35***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

On the first day of the week, two of disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of

heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 5:24-29***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jewish leaders,

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

“Very truly, I tell 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 he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

“Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

C-14

**GOSPEL: *John 6:37-40***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowd: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.”

“This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 6:51-59***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowd:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”

“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**GOSPEL: *John 11:17-27***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 11:32-45***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt 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 came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 12:20-25***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 12:23-28***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples,

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.”

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 14:1-6***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

“Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. During the supper he said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 15:5,7-12***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.  
He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.  
Every branch that bears fruit  
He prunes to make it bear more fruit.  
You have already been cleansed  
by the word that I have spoken to you.

“Abide in me as I abide in you.  
Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself  
unless it abides in the vine,  
neither can you unless you abide in me.  
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,  
because apart from me you can do nothing.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,  
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

“My father is glorified in this,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.  
As the Father has loved me so I have loved you;  
abide in my love.  
If you keep my commandments,  
you will abide in my love,

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

“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in  
you,  
and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I  
have loved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 16:20-23***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father, he said to his disciples: “Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**GOSPEL: *John 17:24-26***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: “Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 19:17-18, 25-30***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: *John 20:1-18***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**