

## 15. GOSPEL

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

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

5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he 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.

## 16. GOSPEL

Come to me and I will give you rest.

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

11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered:

“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 17. GOSPEL

SHORT FORM

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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

15:33-39

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!"***

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 18. GOSPEL

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

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

23:33,39-43

When the soldiers 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 Christ?  
Save yourself and us.”

The other man, 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 19. GOSPEL

SHORT FORM

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

23:44-46,50,52-53

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon  
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;  
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named  
Joseph who, though he was a member of the council,  
went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

After he had taken the body down,  
he wrapped it in a linen cloth  
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb  
in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 20. GOSPEL

Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

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

6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my Flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 21. GOSPEL

I am the resurrection and the life.

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

11:21-27

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 Christ,  
the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 22. GOSPEL

### LONG FORM

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

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

12:23-28

Jesus said to 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 will lose 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 23. GOSPEL

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

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

14:1-6

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.