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

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

**Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.**

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

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

**At daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus.**

**While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.**

**They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."**

**The Gospel of the Lord**