

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.**

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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.”

The Gospel of the Lord