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On this mountain the Lord of hosts
 will provide for all peoples
 a feast of rich foods.

On this mountain he will destroy
 the veil that veils all peoples,
 The web that is woven over all nations;
 he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
This is the Word of the Lord.

2 A reading from the book of Lamentations

3:22-26 204

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.
This is the Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

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- 1** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 205
We believe that we shall return to life with Christ.

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

- 2** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 14:7-9 206
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

This is the Word of the Lord.

- 3** A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-23 207
All people will be brought to life in Christ.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

- 4** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-5 208
The Father chose us in Christ, before the creation of the world, to be holy.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.

This is the Word of the Lord.

- 5** A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 209
We shall stay with the Lord for ever.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers [and sisters], about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Therefore, console one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

- 6** A reading from the book of Revelation 7:9-10, 15-17 210
God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,
 and from the Lamb.”

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne
 and worship him day and night in his temple.
 The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.

They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will
shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

7 A reading from the book of Revelation

21:1a, 3-5a 211

There will be no more death.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

1 Psalm 23

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R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. *R.*

He guides me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk in the dark valley
 I fear no evil; for you are at my side
 With your rod and your staff
 that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
 want.

You spread the table before me
 in the sight of my foes;
 You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows. *R.*
 Only goodness and kindness follow me
 all the days of my life;
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 for years to come. *R.*

2

Psalm 25

213

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
 Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
 teach me your paths.
 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are God my savior. *R.*
 Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
 and your kindness are from of old.
 In your kindness remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*
 Preserve my life, and rescue me;
 let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
 because I wait for you, O Lord. *R.*

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Psalm 42

214

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see
 him face to face?
 As the hind longs for the running waters,
 so my soul longs for you, O God. *R.*

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
 When shall I go and behold the face of God? *R.*
 Those times I recall,
 now that I pour out my soul within me,
 When I went with the throng
 and led them in procession to the house of God,
 Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
 with the multitude keeping festival. *R.*
 Send forth your light and your fidelity;
 they shall lead me on
 And bring me to your holy mountain,
 to your dwelling-place. *R.*
 Then will I go in to the altar of God,
 the God of my gladness and joy;
 Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
 O God, my God! *R.*
 Why are you so downcast, O my soul?
 Why do you sigh within me?
 Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
 in the presence of my savior and my God. *R.*

4

Psalm 148

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
 praise him in the heights;
 Praise him, all you his angels,
 praise him, all you his hosts. *R.*
 Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,
 the princes and all the judges of the earth,
 Young men too, and maidens,
 old men and boys, *R.*

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Praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Or:

R. Alleluia.

He has lifted up the horn of his people.
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,
from the children of Israel, the people close to him. *R.*

ALLELUIA VERSES AND VERSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

1

See Matthew 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

2

John 6:39

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

3

2 Corinthians 1:3b-4a

Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,
who consoles us in all our afflictions.

GOSPEL READINGS

- 1** A reading from the holy gospel
according to Matthew

11:25-30 219

You have hidden these things from the learned and the clever and revealed them to children.

At that time Jesus said in reply, "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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- 2** A reading from the holy gospel
according to Mark

10:13-16

The kingdom of heaven belongs to little children.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

3

Longer form:

A reading from the holy gospel
according to John

6:37-40 220

This is the will of my Father, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me.

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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Shorter form:

A reading from the holy gospel
according to John

6:37-39 220

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4 A reading from the holy gospel
according to John

6:51-58 221

All who eat this bread will live for ever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

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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5 A reading from the holy gospel
according to John

11:32-38, 40 222

If you believe, you will see the glory of God.

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 to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

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6 A reading from the holy gospel
according to John

19:25-30

This is your mother.

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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teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. *R.*

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*

Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Preserve my life, and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. *R.*

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2 Corinthians 1:3b-4a

Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,
who consoles us in all our afflictions.

2

Revelation 1:5a, 6b

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.

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2 A reading from the holy gospel
according to Mark

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Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.

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