

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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a

When he 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.

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 him 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 Messiah?
Save yourself and us."

The other, 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

6:51-59

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.