

Luke 23: 44-49

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.**

**The centurion who witnessed what had happened
glorified God and said,**

“This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

**When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle
saw what had happened,**

**they returned home beating their breasts;
but all his acquaintances stood at a distance,
including the women who had followed him
from Galilee and saw these events.**

The Gospel of the Lord