

*Holy*  
*Gospel*  
*Readings*

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## Gospel # 1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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. Thus they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

The Gentle Mastery of Christ.

“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.”

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## Gospel # 3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“Then the kingdom of heaven  
will be like ten virgins who took their lamps  
and went out to meet the bridegroom.  
Five of them were foolish and five were wise.  
The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,  
brought no oil with them,  
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.  
Since the bridegroom was long delayed,  
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.  
At midnight, there was a cry,  
‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’  
Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.  
The foolish ones said to the wise,  
‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’  
But the wise ones replied,  
‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.  
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’  
While they went off to buy it,  
the bridegroom came and those who were ready  
went into the wedding feast with him.  
Then the door was locked.  
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,  
‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’  
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’  
Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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## Gospel # 4

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’

Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,

and not minister to your needs?  
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of these least ones,  
you did not do for me.'  
And these will go off to eternal punishment,  
but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,  
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.  
As he drew near to the gate of the city,  
a man who had died was being carried out,  
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.  
A large crowd from the city was with her.  
When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity for her  
and said to her, "Do not weep."  
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;  
at this the bearers halted, and he said,  
"Young man, I tell you, arise!"  
The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.  
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,  
exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"  
and "God has visited his people."  
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea  
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants

who await their master's return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you,

he will gird himself, have them recline at table,  
and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house  
had known the hour when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,

for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Gospel # 7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 Christ?  
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.

## Gospel # 8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word  
and believes in the one who sent me  
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,  
but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
the hour is coming and is now here  
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,  
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,  
so also he gave to the Son  
the possession of life in himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment,  
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this,  
because the hour is coming in which  
all who are in the tombs  
will hear his voice and will come out,  
those who have done good deeds  
to the resurrection of life,  
but those who have done wicked deeds  
to the resurrection of condemnation."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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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## Gospel # 10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus  
had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary  
to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,  
she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise,  
in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world."

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## Gospel # 12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;  
he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

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

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,  
that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this,  
he cried out in a loud voice,  
"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,  
tied hand and foot with burial bands,  
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the crowd,  
"Untie him and let him go."

Now many of Jews who had come to Mary  
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel # 13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour'?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

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## Gospel # 14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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."

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.