

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**It was 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.**

**Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,  
though he was a member of the council,  
went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus.**

**After he had taken the Body down,**

**he wrapped it in a linen cloth  
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb  
in which no one had yet been buried.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**