

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (15:33-39, 16:1-6)

When it was noon,
darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."
And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine,
put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink,
saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."
Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
Now when the centurion, who stood facing him,
saw that in this way he breathed his last,
he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome
bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
And very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
They had been saying to one another,
"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large,
had already been rolled back.
As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,
dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side;
and they were alarmed.
But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Look, there is the place they laid him."

The Gospel of the Lord.