

Alleluia. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Alleluia.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (19:17-18, 25-30)

Carrying the cross by himself,
Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.
There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus between them.
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother,
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw his mother
and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,
he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."
Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."
And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,
he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),
"I am thirsty."
A jar full of sour wine was standing there.
So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop
and held it to his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.