

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 Luke

(23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6)

It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
while the sun's light failed;
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph.
This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth,
and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.
On the first day of the week, at early dawn,
the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in, they did not find the body.
While they were perplexed about this,
suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,
but the men said to them,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.

The Gospel of the Lord.