

*John 6:32-40*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Jesus said to the crowd,*

*“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;  
my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.*

*For the bread of God is that*

*which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

*So they said to him,*

*“Sir, give us this bread always.”*

*Jesus said to them,*

*“I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

*But I told you that although you have seen me,  
you do not believe.*

*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.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*John 6:51-58*

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 eats this bread will live forever.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*John 11:17-27*

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 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.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*John 14:1-6*

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."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*When Jesus 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.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 6: 25-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Therefore I tell you,  
do not worry about your life, what you will eat (or drink)  
or about your body, what you will wear.  
Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?  
Look at the birds in the sky;  
they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns,  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are not you more important than they?  
Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?  
Why are you anxious about clothes?  
Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.  
They do not work or spin.  
But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.  
If God so clothes the grass of the field,  
which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,  
will he not much more provide for you,  
O you of little faith?  
So do not worry and say,  
'What are we to eat?' Or 'What are we to drink?'  
or 'What are we to wear?'  
All these things the pagans seek.  
Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.  
But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given you besides.  
Do not worry about tomorrow,  
tomorrow will take care of itself.  
Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Matthew 11:25-30*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*At that time Jesus answered:*

*“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.*

*“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.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46

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.