

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either
side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by 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,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son."

Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this,
aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it
up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was a preparation day,

in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the
sabbath,

for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews
asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first
and then the other one who was crucified with Jesus.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,

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they did not break his legs,
but one soldier thrust a lance into his side, and immediately
Blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows
that he is speaking the truth,
so that you may also come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another
passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,

secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he
could remove the Body of Jesus.

And Pilate permitted it.

So he came and took his Body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came
bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one
hundred pounds.

The Gospel of the Lord.