

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke

It was now about noon and darkness came
over the whole land until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened
glorified God and said,

“This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle

saw what had happened,
they returned home beating their breasts;
but all his acquaintances stood at a distance,
including the women who had followed him
from Galilee and saw these events.

The Gospel of the Lord