

John  
19:17-18,25-39

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## **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 of Magdala.**

**When Jesus saw his mother  
and the disciple there 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.”**

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**And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.**

**Now since it was 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 of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.**

**But when they came to Jesus**

**and saw that he was already dead,**

**they did not break his legs,**

**but one soldier thrust his 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 also may 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**