

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn,  
the women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb,  
taking the spices that they had prepared.

They 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.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,  
that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners,  
and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

Then the women remembered Jesus’ words,  
and returning from the tomb,  
they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna,  
Mary the mother of James,  
and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

These words seemed to the apostles an idle tale,  
and they did not believe the women.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb;  
stooping and looking in,  
he saw the linen cloths by themselves;  
then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.