

## **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**