

Gospel

John 11:32–45
Lazarus, come out.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Mary the sister of Lazarus went to Jesus,
and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet,
saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her,
Jesus said in great distress,

with a sigh that came straight from the heart,
‘Where have you put him?’

They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’

Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’

But there were some who remarked,
‘He opened the eyes of the blind man,
could he not have prevented this man’s death?’

Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb:
it was a cave with a stone to close the opening.

Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’

Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’

Jesus replied,
‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’
So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice,
‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’

The dead man came out,
his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff
and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them,
'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary
and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.