

## **A reading from the book the prophet Ezekiel**

I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 80**

**Refrain:** *Turn us again, O God;* ♦

*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

***Turn us again, O God;*** ♦

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦

you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦

before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength ♦

and come to our salvation.

**4 *Turn us again, O God;*** ♦

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

5 O Lord God of hosts, ♦

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦

you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts;*** ♦

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

## **A reading from the book of Revelation**

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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## **Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord.**

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!"—do not believe it. For false messiahs\* and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

'Immediately after the suffering of those days

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from heaven,

and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**