Gospel John 12:23–28

If a wheat grain dies, it yields a rich harvest.

★ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,

unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world

will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am my servant will he there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven,

'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.