

† A reading from the holy gospel according to John 20:1-9

On Sunday morning while it was still dark,
Mary Magdelene went to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.
She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favorite disciple and said,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb!
We don't know where they have put him."

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
They ran side by side,
until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first.
He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb,
but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter got there,
he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth.
He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face.
It was rolled up and in a place by itself.
The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb,
and when he saw it, he believed.
At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know
that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life.

The gospel of the Lord.