

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

*G5 short form*

**At noon darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.**

**And at three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"**

**which is translated,**

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**Some of the bystanders who heard it said,**

**"Look, he is calling Elijah."**

**One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed,  
and gave it to him to drink, saying,**

**"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."**

**Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.**

**The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.**

**When the centurion who stood facing him**

**saw how he breathed his last he said,**

**"Truly this man was the Son of God!"**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**