

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*If it dies, it produces much fruit.*

*John 12:23-28 (1016-16)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;

But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

‘Father, save me from this hour’?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven,

“I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

*The Gospel of the Lord*