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| John19:17-18,25-39Selection C20 | **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John****So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself**  **he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,**  **in Hebrew, *Golgotha*.** **There they crucified him, and with him two others,**  **one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.** **Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother**  **and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,**  **and Mary of Magdala.** **When Jesus saw his mother**  **and the disciple there whom he loved,**  **he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”****Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.”****And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.** **After this, aware that everything was now finished,**  **in order that the scripture might be fulfilled,**  **Jesus said, “I thirst.”****There was a vessel filled with common wine.** **So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop**  **and put it up to his mouth.** **When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,**  **“It is finished.”** ***Continued on the Next Page*****And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.** **Now since it was preparation day,**  **in order that the bodies**  **might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,**  **for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,**  **the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken**  **and they be taken down.****So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and**  **then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.** **But when they came to Jesus**  **and saw that he was already dead,**  **they did not break his legs,**  **but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,**  **and immediately blood and water flowed out.** **An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;**  **he knows that he is speaking the truth,**  **so that you also may come to believe.****For this happened**  **so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled:**  **“Not a bone of it will be broken.”** **And again another passage says:**  **“They will look upon him**  **whom they have pierced.”*****Continued on the Next Page*****After this, Joseph of Arimathea,**  **secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,**  **asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.** **And Pilate permitted it.** **So he came and took his body.** **Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,**  **also came bringing a mixture of myrrh**  **and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds.****The Gospel of the Lord** |