

Today you will be with me in Paradise. (1016-8)

† **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?"

And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said,

"Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.