A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,

the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shrewd enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away the people's shame, everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us. **The word of the Lord.**