A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

21 ‘It is not those who say to me, “Lord, Lord”,
who will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

24 ‘Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine
and acts on them will be like a sensible man
who built his house on rock.

Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew
and hurled themselves against the house, and it did not fall:
it was founded on rock.

25 But everyone who listens to these words of mine
and does not act on them will be like a stupid man
who built his house on sand.

Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew
and struck that house, and it fell;
and what a fall it had!’

28 Jesus had now finished what he wanted to say,
and his teaching made a deep impression on the people
because he taught them with authority,
and not like their own scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.