

## **John 12: 1-8 p 1079 of the Church Bibles**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**