

***First Reading:  
Old Testament Scriptures***

***Please choose one.***

*(First Reading: Job 19:1, 23-27)*

## **A reading from the Book of Job**

**Job answered and said:**

**Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
my inmost being is consumed with longing.**

**The word of the Lord**

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*(First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-15; 20, 25-26, 28-31)*

## **A reading from the Book of Proverbs**

**When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar.  
She rises while it is still night,  
    and distributes food to her household.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
    and extends her arms to the needy.  
She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
    and she laughs at the days to come.  
She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly  
    counsel.  
Her children rise up and praise her;  
    her husband, too, extols her:  
    “Many are the women of proven worth,  
    but you have excelled them all.”**

**Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
    the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a reward of her labors,  
    and let her works praise her at the city gates.**

## **The Word of the Lord**

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*(First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11)*

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

**There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task  
which God has appointed for people to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without their ever discovering, from beginning to end,  
the work which God has done.**

**The Word of the Lord**

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*(First Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9)*

## **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.**

**They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.**

**But they are in peace.**

**For if before others, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them,  
and found them worthy of himself.**

**As gold in the furnace, God proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.**

**Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.**

## **The Word of the Lord**

*(First Reading: Wisdom 4:7-15)*

## **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**But the righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.  
Rather, understanding passes for gray hair,  
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.  
The one who pleased God was loved, living among sinners, was  
transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile  
his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the  
whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.  
Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a  
long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of  
the midst of wickedness.  
But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take that  
consideration into account.**

## **The Word of the Lord**

*(First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10)*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

**On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples  
a feast of rich food and choice wines,**

**juicy, rich food  
and pure, choice wines.**

**On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.**

**The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;  
for the Lord has spoken.**

**On that day it will be said:**

**"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"**

**For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.**

**The Word of the Lord**

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*(First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-6, 8-10)*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

**Say to the fearful of heart:  
Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
With divine recompense  
he comes to save you.**

**Then the eyes of the blind shall see,  
and the ears of the deaf be opened;  
Then the lame shall leap like a stag,  
and the mute tongue sing for joy.  
For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the Arabah.**

**A highway will be there, called the holy way;  
No one unclean may pass over it,  
but it will be for his people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor any beast of prey approach,  
nor be found.  
But there the redeemed shall walk,  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;  
They meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning flee away.**

**The Word of the Lord**

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*(First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-12)*

**A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah**

**Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one  
who eats,  
So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;  
It shall not return to me empty,  
but shall do what pleases me,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.  
Yes, in joy you shall go forth,  
in peace you shall be brought home;  
Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you,  
all trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG BY CHOIR MEMBER)*

*(First Reading: Lamentations 3, 17-26)*

### **A reading from the book of Lamentations**

**My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is;**

**I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord.**

**The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me.**

**But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:**

**The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent;**

**They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.**

**My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.**

**Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him;**

**It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.**

### **The Word of the Lord**

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***Second Reading:  
New Testament Scriptures***

***Please choose one.***

*(Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9)*

## **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?**

**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we, too, might live in newness of life.**

**If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also LIVE with him.**

**We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.**

## **The Word of the Lord**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**If *God* is *for* us, *who* can be *against* us?**

**He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us  
all? - how will he not *also* give us *everything else* along with  
him?**

***Who* will bring a *charge* against *God's chosen ones*?**

**It is *God* who *acquits* us.**

***Who* will *condemn*?**

**It is Christ Jesus who died - rather, was *raised* –  
who also is at the *right hand* of God,  
who indeed *intercedes* for us.**

***What* will *separate* us from the *love* of *Christ*?**

**Will anguish,        or distress,        or persecution,        or famine,  
or nakedness,        or peril,        or the sword?**

**No, in *all* these things *we conquer overwhelmingly*  
*through him* who *loved* us.**

**For I am *convinced* that neither death, nor life,**

**nor angels, nor principalities,**

**nor present things, nor future things,**

**nor powers,        nor height,        nor depth,**

**nor *any other* creature**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God**

**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-38)*

## **A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

***What will separate us from the love of Christ?***

**Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?**

**No, in *all* these things *we conquer overwhelmingly*  
*through him who loved us.***

**For I am *convinced* that neither death, nor life,**

**nor angels, nor principalities,**

**nor present things, nor future things,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor *any other* creature**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **The Word of the Lord**

## **A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,  
let us exercise them:**

**if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;**

**if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching;**

**if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity;**

**if one is over others, with diligence;**

**if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.**

**Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;**

**love one another with mutual affection;**

**anticipate one another in showing honor.**

**Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.**

**Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.**

**For if we live, we live for the Lord,**

**and if we die, we die for the Lord;**

**so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

**For this is why Christ died and came to life,**

**that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**

**The Word of the Lord**



**A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.**

**But I shall show you a still more excellent way.**

**If I speak in *human* and *angelic tongues***

**but do not have love,**

**I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.**

**And if I have the gift of *prophecy***

**and *comprehend all mysteries* and *all knowledge*;**

**if I have all *faith* so as to move mountains**

**but do not have love, I am nothing.**

**If I *give away* everything I own,**

**and if I *hand my body over* so that I may boast**

**but do not have love, I gain nothing.**

***Love is patient, love is kind.***

**It is *not jealous*, it is *not pompous*, it is *not inflated*,**

**it is *not rude*; it does *not seek its own interests*;**

**it is *not quick-tempered*, it does *not brood* over injury;**

**it does not rejoice over wrongdoing**

**but rejoices with the truth.**

**It *bears* all things,**

***believes* all things,**

***hopes* all things,**

***endures* all things.**

**Love never fails.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.**

**Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more  
people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of  
God.**

**Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.  
For this momentary light affliction is producing for us  
an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.  
For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be  
destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10)*

## **A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be  
destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not  
made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.**

**So we are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the  
Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each one may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!**

**Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.**

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to  
God.**

**Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard  
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever  
is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is  
gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything  
worthy of praise, think about these things.**

**Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and  
seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-13)*

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**I know what it is to have little,  
and I know what it is to have plenty.**

**In any and all circumstances  
I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going  
hungry,  
of having plenty and of being in need.**

**I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians**

**We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 5-8)*

**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,  
who will judge the living and the dead,  
and by his appearing and his kingly power:**

**Proclaim the word;**

**be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and  
teaching.**

**Be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship;  
perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.**

**For I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.**

**I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the  
faith.**

**From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his  
appearance.**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2)*

**A reading from the first letter of Saint John**

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.**

**Yet so we are.**

**The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.**

**Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

**We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.**

**The Word of the Lord**



*(Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7)*

## **A reading from the book of Revelation**

**I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them.  
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning,  
wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away.  
The one who sat on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”  
I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End.  
To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.  
The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God,  
and he will be my son.”**

**The Word of the Lord**

*(Second Reading: Revelation 14:13)*

**A reading from the book of Revelation.**

**I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”**

**The Word of the Lord**

## ***Gospel Readings***

***Please choose one.***

*(Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a)*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.**

**He began to teach them, saying:**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.**

**Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of  
me.**

**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in  
heaven.**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**On one occasion Jesus said,**

**“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the  
learned you have revealed them to the childlike.**

**Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.**

**All things have been handed over to me by my Father.**

**No one knows the Son except the Father,**

**and no one knows the Father except the Son**

**and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,**

**for I am meek and humble of heart;**

**and you will find rest for your selves.**

**For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10)*

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**The disciples approached Jesus and said,  
“Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?”  
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,  
“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like  
children,  
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whoever humbles himself like this child  
is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.  
And whoever receives one child such as this in my name  
receives me.**

**“See that you do not despise one of these little ones,  
for I say to you that their angels in heaven  
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**Jesus said to his disciples,**

**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious  
throne,**

**and all the nations will be assembled before him.**

**And he will separate them one from another,**

**as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**

**He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.**

**Then the king will say to those on his right,**

**‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.**

**Inherit the kingdom prepared for you**

**from the foundation of the world.**

**For I was hungry and you gave me food,**

**I was thirsty and you gave me drink,**

**a stranger and you welcomed me,**

**naked and you clothed me,**

**ill and you cared for me,**

**in prison and you visited me.’**

**Then the righteous will answer him and say,**

**‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,**

**or thirsty and give you drink?**

**When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,**

**or naked and clothe you?**

**When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’**

**And the king will say to them in reply,**

**‘Amen, I say to you,**

**whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,**

**you did for me.’”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Gospel: Mark 10:13-16)*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

People were bringing children to him  
that he might touch them,  
but the disciples rebuked them.  
When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,  
“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child  
will not enter it.”  
Then he embraced them and blessed them,  
placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord



*(Gospel: Luke 12:22-24, 27-32)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life  
and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will  
wear.**

**For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.**

**Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap;**

**they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them.**

**How much more important are you than birds!**

**Notice how the flowers grow.**

**They do not toil or spin.**

**But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor  
was dressed like one of them.**

**If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today  
and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,**

**will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?**

**As for you, do not seek what you are to eat**

**and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore.**

**All the nations of the world seek for these things,**

**and your Father knows that you need them.**

**Instead, seek his kingdom,**

**and these other things will be given you besides.**

**Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,**

**for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Gospel: Luke 12:22-32, 34b)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

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and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will  
wear.**

**For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.**

**Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap;**

**they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them.**

**How much more important are you than birds!**

**Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan?**

**If even the smallest things are beyond your control,  
why are you anxious about the rest?**

**Notice how the flowers grow.**

**They do not toil or spin.**

**But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor  
was dressed like one of them.**

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and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,**

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**Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,**

**for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.**

**Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**“Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a  
wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.**

**Blessed are those servants  
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.**

**Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,  
have them recline at table,  
and proceed to wait on them.**

**And should he come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.**

**Be sure of this:  
if the master of the house had known the hour  
when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.**

**You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Gospel: John 6: 37-40)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

**Jesus said to the crowds:**

**“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,  
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will  
but the will of the one who sent me.**

**And this is the will of the one who sent me,  
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,  
but that I should raise it on the last day.**

**For this is the will of my Father,  
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Martha said to Jesus,**

**“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**

**But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”**

**Jesus said to her,**

**“Your brother will rise.”**

**Martha said to him,**

**“I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”**

**Jesus told her,**

**“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?”**

**She said to him**

**“Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah,  
the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Gospel: John 12:23-26)*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Jesus told his disciples,**

**“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

**Amen, amen, I say to you,**

**unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,**

**it remains just a grain of wheat;**

**but if it dies, it produces much fruit.**

**Whoever loves his life loses it,**

**and whoever hates his life in this world**

**will preserve it for eternal life.**

**Whoever serves me must follow me,**

**and where I am, there also will my servant be.**

**The Father will honor whoever serves me.**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Gospel: John 13: 5, 12-17)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

**Then Jesus poured water into a basin  
and began to wash the disciples' feet  
and dry them with the towel around his waist.  
So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back  
on  
and reclined at table again, he said to them,  
“Do you realize what I have done for you?  
You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’  
and rightly so, for indeed I am.  
If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your  
feet,  
you ought to wash one another’s feet.  
I have given you a model to follow,  
so that as I have done for you, you should also do.  
Amen, amen, I say to you,  
no slave is greater than his master  
nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him.  
If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Gospel: John 13: 33-35)*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Jesus said:**

**“My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, ‘Where I go you cannot come,’ so now I say it to you.**

**I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.**

**This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



*(Gospel: John 14:1-6)*

✠ **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

**You have faith in God; have faith also in me.**

**In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.**

**If there were not, would I have told you**

**that I am going to prepare a place for you?**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you,**

**I will come back again and take you to myself,**

**so that where I am you also may be.**

**Where I am going you know the way.”**

**Thomas said to him,**

**“Master, we do not know where you are going;**

**how can we know the way?”**

**Jesus said to him,**

**“I am the way and the truth and the life.**

**No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Gospel: John 15:5, 7-11)*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Jesus said to his disciples,**

**“I am the vine, you are the branches.**

**Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much  
fruit, because without me you can do nothing.**

**If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for  
whatever you want and it will be done for you.**

**By this is my Father glorified,**

**that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.**

**As the Father loves me, so I also love you.**

**Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my  
love,**

**just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and remain in his love.**

**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and  
your joy may be complete.”**

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and your joy may be complete.**

**This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.**

**No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

**You are my friends if you do what I command you.**

**I no longer call you slaves,**

**because a slave does not know what his master is doing.**

**I have called you friends,**

**because I have told you everything I have heard from my  
Father.**

**It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may  
give you.**

**This I command you: love one another.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord**