

meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



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Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God,*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and |
honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

**O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offer-
ings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood |
of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about
those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from
the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the
Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet
of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with
the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

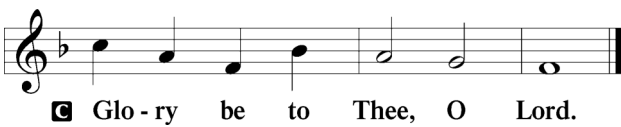
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth
chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to



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