

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