

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Face masks are required inside,

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact. Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave:

Please wear your mask. Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

Communion Procedure:

- Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).
- Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.
- Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.
- Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.
- Please do not reach out to take the Host from the minister.
- Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.
- We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul's. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their dedication and service.

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of Andrew Glessner.

Flowers This Week

In our prayers we remember...

Becky Diggs, Bill Troutman, Phyllis & Alan Comery, Lynn Wicker, Anna Mae Cook, Shawn Sunday, Mike Johnston, Marianne Moran, Rick Hock, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, David List, Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, and the friends and family of Thelma Delancey and Andrew Barresse.

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the "Donate" now from the church website stpaulsyork.org. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul's and our ministry partners.

Christmas Service Sign-up—We will be utilizing a sign up for our Christmas services to help us monitor in person attendance for our liturgies. With the guidance of CDC and our own St. Paul's COVID-19 task force we want to maintain our percentage for worshipers gathering in doors. To assure worshiper's of the maximum amount of people (20% at the time of this publication) that will be in the church nave, simply fill out the reservation form located at the entrances to the church and place in the offering plate or slip under the secretary's office window, or call/email the church office with your name, number of individuals that will be seated in the same pew with you and the service: 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM Christmas Eve or 10:30 AM Christmas Day. We want to facilitate all of our members and friends who desire attending in person Christmas services. Through an advance signup we can plan accordingly. At the time of this printing there remain: 26 seats at 7PM, 49 seats at 11PM, 60 seats at 10:30AM Christmas Day.

The 4:00 PM outside Christmas Eve Service does not require a reservation. Please note that you will need to bring a lawn chair (if desired). A face mask is required.

Upcoming weeks at St. Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
8 New members 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Evening Service	9 9:00 - 11:30 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Coun- cil Meeting	10 9:00 - 11:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Pantry Volunteers	11 Veterans Day 9:00 - 11:30 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Bible Study - Christ Hall	12 9:00 - 11:30 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Music Ensembles	13	14
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Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost

November 8, 2020

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE 8:00 AM Lord of the Dance, piano

10:30 AM Lord of the Dance, piano & organ

Mark Hayes Joel Raney

Barbara Ruppert, piano

Stand

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE 10:30 AM Sung by the Cantor

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Eric & Brianne Humpal and their children, Blake, Ellie, Brynn, & Emmie

Michael & Kristin McKee and their children, Kennedy and Micah

Darren & Lauren Smith and their son, Henry

Angela Lauer and her son, Dillann and daughter, Cecilia.

Fred Rosenmiller Phil Wysocki

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 70 Sung by the Cantor with congregation refrain to a setting by Nancy Raabe

The cantor introduces the refrain, then it is repeated by all



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O LORD, make | haste to help me.

² Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;* let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

REFRAIN

³ Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,* because they | are ashamed.

⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

REFRAIN

⁵ But as for me, I am | poor and needy;* come to me speedi- | ly, O God.

⁶ You are my helper and | my deliverer;*

O LORD, | do not tarry. REFRAIN

VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

¹ Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON *A time of silence follows the sermon.*

Rev. Stan Reep

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let justice roll down like waters. Reign over the courtrooms of every land and in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Console those who are lonely or abandoned. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Be with all Veterans. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and psychological, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives. Inspire us for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

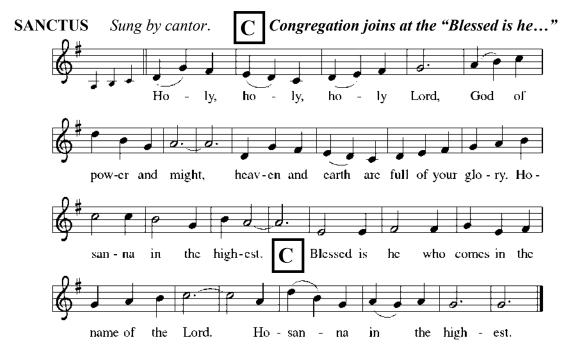
The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*



THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION a brief silence is kept

AGNUS DEI 10:30 AM Sung by the Cantor

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son and + Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Music for the Royal Fireworks

G. F. Handel

Overture

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Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave.

Feel free to gather outside for conversation.

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November 10 & 17

Crowns for the King – All ages Follow along with Miss Kelly in Making glorious crowns that you can place around the cross for Christ the King Sunday, November 22 A Royal Beat – All ages Join Victor in making music that is fit for King Jesus!

December 1

Family Gingerbread Nativity – Everything needed to construct a gingerbread nativity scene will be provided. All you have to do is preregister and pick up your supplies at church on November 15, 22, or 29. You will get an email from Victor and Kelly that you can follow to have an enjoyable time with your family making a sweet delicious scene based on God's sweet love for us.

The Annual Meeting is next Sunday November 15 @ 3:00 PM In Person and via Zoom

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is an important part of our life together as sisters and brothers in Christ. It is the time when we conduct business, elect leaders for various aspects of our ministry and mission, and share our collective hopes and dreams for our family of faith. This year the meeting will be held in the church nave on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM. A Zoom link will be available. At this meeting the 2021 budget will be presented for adoption, elections will be conducted for: Council members, the Benevolent Committee, and Voting Members to the 2021 Synod Assembly, and members for the Mutual Ministry Committee. The Council will present a summary of the information gathered through the cottage meetings held during the summer. This is a time for you to ask questions, offer insights and ideas, and seek collaborative ways to strengthen our life together in Christ. Please make every effort to take an active role in the life of our St. Paul's Church congregation by attending the Annual Meeting.

Please consider...Positions of leadership help us fulfill our ministry. The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Tony Culp and Harold Sargeant, have been diligently seeking candidates for:

Congregation Council Benevolence

Synod Assembly Voting Members Mutual Ministry

Please give prayerful consideration to serving at this critical time in the life of our congregation during COVID-19. Most meetings are being held digitally. If you are willing to serve please

Food Pantry—November

Items needed: Stuffing, Canned beans, canned vegetables, canned meats, apple sauce, mashed potato mix, rice, pasta side dishes and peanut jelly. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

Deadline to order is today! Christmas Poinsettias—As you may recall, we were unable to hold Easter services with the beautiful flowers that some of you had ordered. In their place, we will be ordering Poinsettias for use during the Christmas services. Your Poinsettia order is already taken care of if you ordered Easter flowers. You may use the form if you would like to order Poinsettias or if you would like to add to your original order. A list will be in the November newsletter if you forgot what you ordered for Easter *Thank you*.

Cost is \$12.00 per plant. They will be RED in color. List plant(s) as shown below (please print clearly)	_ in Honor of:	in Loving Memory of:	_ Dedicated to the Glory of God	Plants may be picked up anytime <u>after</u> the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 27th.
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rders due by Sunday, November 8th

The completed order form with payment attached may be

in the offering plate or returned to the church

Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Total # of Plants

It seems that time and time again, one calamity after another; famine, drought, failed harvest, failure in war, epidemics, God keeps knocking but God's people don't pay any heed.

That was how the prophet Amos called it. He wasn't fond of the way God's people had contempt for God's law or how they had drifted into religious complacency. Amos had come to the conclusion that God would no longer forgive his people. The time of warning was over. As you might imagine this message delivered to God's people was not well received. This conclusion wasn't arrived at overnight either. All though it was though long nights with dreams, visions from God that led Amos to such a conclusion. He was given five such visions with the final one warning "no one can escape."

Amos had spent time among God's people. He had heard them speak of "the day of the Lord." He heard them talk about it as though it was going to be a time of light, protection and rest, a time similar to that of festival and solemn assembly, with songs and harps making melody. But Amos told them nothing could be farther from the truth. "The day of the Lord" was more likely going to be a day of darkness, despair, gloom, noise and confusion.

God's people had taken complete comfort in their election traditions, how God had from the beginning selected them, chosen them, saved them, rescued them, called them into being and called them out from among other peoples to be a blessing for others. Amos was called by God to deliver a prophetic message to these particular men and women. Amos assessed the spiritual climate among the people of the Northern Kingdom and found it to be lacking. He provided critique. God wouldn't stand for the thoughtless upper class complacent in its material prosperity. Amos finds the quality of their heart and mind to be deficient. Sure, there wasn't a specific commandment given stating things like "Thou shall not recline on posh furniture eating sumptuous foods whilst your neighbor has no bread" or "Thou shall not anoint oneself with costly oils and perfumes when thy neighbor has no blanket." But for Amos the general attitude of the people toward others was more than lacking. Their self-centered life style had called into question their identity as God's elect people, people who were to be a blessing.

And so Amos, a prophet of the Lord God, proclaims what has become one of scripture's most famous passages "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

I remember my first time to Niagara Falls. I was in college. It was a road trip in my parent's 1979 Buick. That car was massive. It cruised along like you were riding on a cloud. When we arrived mid-morning at the "Falls," I was overwhelmed by the thunderous power of the water cascading over the edge. So much water flowing continuously without concern for what or who was in its path. It just kept coming filling the chasm below, a chasm that never filled up, but simply moved the water on. Amos' image of justice; to have it flow like Niagara Falls. Justice is to be a powerful, thunderous, continuous, force within the community for all people. The presence of justice is a sign of blessing; God's people fulfilling their calling.

I remember my first time across the aired plateau of New Mexico and Arizona. I was in seminary. It was a road trip from my parent's home in Durango CO to visit my brother in Utah. The 1985 Ford pickup was equipped with extra fuel tanks in order to make the journey across the aired land where there were few if any gasoline stations, stores, shops, or restrooms. We took the most direct route. The ride in the pickup wasn't like that of the old Buick, but the landscape was a vast, dusty, dry, sparkling gem in the sunlight. We traveled roads through areas, on that particular November, that were not possible to traverse in the spring time, during the rainy season. The dried up stream beds that we crossed over in November were not passable when it rained. When it rained water flowed, even flooded. Amos' image of righteousness didn't permit a dry season and rainy season, an "off" season or an "on" season. Righteousness was to be an ever flowing stream, continuous, not connected to weather patterns or when you personally might feel up to it. The ongoing work of righteousness is a sign of blessing; God's people fulfilling their calling.

Amos didn't have it quite right about God, about God not forgiving. But Amos did have it quite right about the contempt for God's law and the religious complacency that permitted justice to be thwarted and righteousness to become optional. Amos was quite right when it came to his observations regarding the general attitude of God's people and the spiritual and religious climate in which they lived. Finding the quality of their heart and mind to be lacking, it was not surprising the drift away from God. Or the people's disdain for Amos.

And so Amos, a prophet of the Lord God, proclaims what has become one of scripture's most famous passages "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

If Amos were allowed to speak today his message wouldn't really change. Oh the situations in which we find ourselves have changed. The quality of the posh furnishings upon which we lounge, the array of sumptuous foods available for our consumption, and the lotions, perfumes, oils, and aftershave bottles occupying shelves in the bathroom or taking up precious real state on the top of the dresser, have increased exponentially. But the quality of heart and mind, the contempt for God's law, religious complacency, they all affect the attitude of God's people about being "blessing." Justice doesn't seem to be a Niagara Falls force. And righteousness is as on again off again as a stream in a desert.

We are God's called out people. Our election comes through the waters of Baptism, we are to "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16. We don't think much about our baptismal life to be a calling to be blessing. But being made part of God's kingdom we pray that God's kingdom work would be done among us; the work of being blessing; God's justice, God's right-eousness.

God keeps knocking proclaims Amos, but we pay no heed. Look around; famine, drought, failure of harvest, failure in war, epidemics. "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. God keeps knocking desiring a change in heart and mind. And when the time was right God took on human flesh in Jesus; the embodiment of justice and righteousness. He comes among us now blessing us so that we are a blessing to others.

And so Amos, a prophet of the Lord God, proclaims what has become one of scripture's most famous passages "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;

19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand
against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

or Wisdom 6:12-16 [not printed]

Psalm 70

or Wisdom 6:17-20

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

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