

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42,44  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:32-40  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
R. Glory to you, O Lord.  
See that you are prepared.  
Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Longer form Lk 12:32-48

HOMILY  
PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED  
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.  
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS  
P. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
R. We lift them up to the Lord.  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME  
After the Preface, we sing or say:  
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION  
P. The mystery of faith.  
All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .  
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .  
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .  
R. Amen.  
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD  
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION  
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 147:12, 14  
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.  
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

BE ALERT

Luke’s audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist’s focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today’s reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday’s. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple’s attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke’s audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus’ *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master’s eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house’s mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to ‘keep awake!’ Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded. For ourselves, too, today’s Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord’s Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord’s coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

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KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES. The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today’s Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the ‘God of surprises’. Paul has similar advice for us: ‘Keep alert, stand firm in your faith’ (1 Cor 16:13).

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23  
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING  
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.

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

PENITENTIAL ACT  
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
R. Amen.  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.  
V. Christ, have mercy.  
R. Christ, have mercy.  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA  
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on

us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT  
P. Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wis 18:6-9  
A reading from the book of Wisdom  
Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12  
R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. R.  
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. R.



3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. R.

SECOND READING Heb 11:1-2, 8-12  
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
We will look for the city designed and built by God.  
Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form Heb 11:1-2, 8-19