

**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**