

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.