

Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps; and at midnight a cry was made: Behold the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him, Christ the LORD. (Matthew 25). **Psalm 34:1, 5-6, 14-20.**

**Introit.**

Ant. I KNOW || the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the | LORD | - :
thoughts of peace, and | not | of | e- | vil.
|| Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto | you | - :
and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and | from
| all | pla- | ces.
Psalm. || LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy | land | - :
Thou hast brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- | cob.
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences, that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Gospel.** Matthew 25:1-13

Additional reading: Isaiah 65:17-19

Gradual.

|| I am the Light of | the | world:
he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have | the | light
| of | life.
|| The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth | say | Come:
and let him that | is | a- | thirst | come.
|| Hallelujah. Halle | lu- | jah:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

27th Sunday after Trinity

65. The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Johann Walther, 1552, cento
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

"Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609

1. The Bride-groom soon will call us: Come,

all ye wed-ding-guests! May not His voice ap-

pal us While slum-ber binds our breasts! May

all our lamps be burn-ing And oil be

found in store That we, with Him re-turn-ing,

May o-pen find the door! A-men.

2. There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer's face,
Who leads our souls benighted
To glory by His grace.
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear;
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear.
We all shall come before Him
Who for us man became,
As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold
And, to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us its riches share.
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,
And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin, and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

