

Alleluia. Our true home is in heaven,
and Jesus Christ whose return we long for will come from heaven to save us.
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A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

(12:35-40)

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
be like those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes;
truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat,
and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn,
and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this:

if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.