

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
 Let saints and angels sing before Thee
 With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
 Of one pearl each shining portal,
 Where, joining with the choir immortal,
 We gather round Thy radiant throne.
 No eye has seen the light,
 No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
 Therefore will we Eternally
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR
The color for the Last Sunday in the Church Year is green.



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What to listen for during the service?

In the "People of the Bible" we hear about Job and how he confessed Christ and the resurrection of the dead. Listen for when we confess these things. When do we say them?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose 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, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) How many virgins were foolish? How many were wise? Who were they waiting for?
- 2) When the Bridegroom arrived late, who was ready for Him and had enough oil in their lamps?
- 3) What happened when the foolish ones had to go buy more oil? Did they miss the Bridegroom and the wedding feast?
- 4) Jesus is the Bridegroom in this reading. Do we know when Jesus is returning?
- 5) How can we be ready for Jesus when He returns? Do we need to do anything? Do we need to just have faith in our baptism when we were joined to Christ?

People of the Bible: Job

We read about Job in the book of the Bible named after him. Job is described in verse one as a man living in the land of Uz who was blameless and upright, one who trusted in God and turned away from evil. Job had seven sons and three

daughters, and he also had many servants and owned many animals. The Lord allowed Satan to tempt Job because Satan thought if Job had to suffer he would turn away from God. Satan took away all that Job had including his family, servants, animals and land, and he also attacked his body causing him much pain and suffering. Job became angry and complained to God, but he did not turn away from God. Job prayed to God for mercy, and confessed Christ saying, "I know that my Redeemer lives." He knew that God would resurrect him even if he would die. This suffering was not a punishment for a specific sin Job had committed but would strengthen his faith in the end as he continued to hope in God. Job knew to trust in God, and he repented of his anger and complaints toward God for his suffering. When Satan had failed to destroy Job's faith, God gave Job back all he had lost. Sometimes we have to endure suffering in life, but we should always trust and hope in God as He only wants to draw us closer to Him.

Hymn – "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

- 1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.