

## Luke 12: 35-40

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