



*At midnight there was a cry,  
'Behold, the bridegroom!  
Come out to meet him!' Then all  
those virgins got up and trimmed  
their lamps*

*THE GOSPEL*  
Matthew 25:1-13

**32<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8,2020**

Lord,  
we trust you  
to be present for us.

Until then we try to catch  
just a glimpse  
of you:

in  
midnight stars, and geese in flight;  
planets on path, a child's face;  
each sorrow  
and all  
joy.

We look for you in  
the homeless, hungry, in immigrants and  
victims of bias, in caretakers of  
the environment and  
the sick.

Please bless our searching for you,  
flasks full and lamps trimmed.

Let us find you in  
all things.

**THE FIRST READING.** Wisdom 6:12-16

*Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,  
for he shall find her sitting by his gate.*

Come to us,  
Wisdom.

Make  
yourself known  
to all of us, but especially to  
scientists, who are seeking you now.

Do not disappoint. We love you.  
We will surely keep vigil  
as we watch  
for you.

Help us begin to see what you do:  
the depths of all things  
in creation.

**THE SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

*For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an  
archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven.*

We don't know what we will hear.  
The call of an angel?  
The blast of a  
trumpet?

This much we do know:

we want to be here  
whenever you  
come.

Make us ready, Lord.

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