

## **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**