

FIRST READING

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

I don't need to write you
 about the time or date when all this will happen.
You surely know that the Lord's return
 will be as a thief coming at night.
People will think they are safe and secure.
But destruction will suddenly strike them
 like the pains of a woman about to give birth.
And they won't escape.

My dear friends, you don't live in darkness,
 and so that day won't surprise you like a thief.
All of you belong to the light and live in the day.
We don't live in the night or belong to the dark.
Others may sleep,
 but we should stay awake and be alert.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

27:1, 13-14

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

You, Lord, are the light
that keeps me safe.
I am not afraid of anyone.
You protect me,
and I have no fears.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Lord, I know I will live
to see how kind you are.
Trust the Lord!
Be brave and strong

and trust the Lord.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

ALLELUIA

John 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Because you have been faithful in small matters,
come into the joy of your master.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus told his disciples this story about the kingdom of God:
“The kingdom is like what happened when a man went away
and put his three servants in charge of all he owned.
The man knew what each servant could do.
So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant,
two thousand to the second,
and one thousand to the third.
Then he left the country.”

“Some time later the master of those servants returned.
He called them in and asked what they had done with his money.
The servant who had been given five thousand coins
brought them in with five thousand that he had earned.
He said, ‘Sir, you have gave me five thousand coins,
and I have earned five thousand more.’”

“Wonderful!” his master replied,
‘You are a good and faithful servant.
I left you in charge of only a little,
but now I will put you in charge of much more.
Come and share in my happiness!’”

The gospel of the Lord.

