

# 154 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 6.12-16

Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- 12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.
- 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
- 14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
- 15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
- 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a)

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- 1 O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you. **R.**
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
- 5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**
- 6 I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- 13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have died,  
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
even so, through Jesus,  
God will bring with him those who have died.
- 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will by no means precede those who have died.
- 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,  
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,  
will descend from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up in the clouds  
together with them to meet the Lord in the air;  
and so we will be with the Lord forever.
- 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 24.42, 44

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.  
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

Be watchful and ready:  
you do not know when the Son of Man is coming.

Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When talking about his coming in glory,  
Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:  
1 “The kingdom of heaven will be like this.  
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps  
and went to meet the bridegroom.  
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.  
3 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,  
all of them became drowsy and slept.  
6 “But at midnight there was a shout,  
‘Look! Here is the bridegroom!  
Come out to meet him.’  
7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.  
8 The foolish said to the wise,  
‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’  
9 But the wise replied,  
‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us;  
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’  
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,  
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;  
and the door was shut.  
11 “Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,  
‘Lord, lord, open to us.’  
12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’  
13 Keep awake therefore,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.