



# PROPER 27 IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR A

### Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

#### *A reading from the book of Wisdom*

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, 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.

### Psalm 70 [page 682]

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### *A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For

since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. 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, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*  
Your word , O Lord, is truth;  
make us holy in the truth.  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**The ✠ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew**

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet Him.

Jesus told this parable to His disciples, "The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to

the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.