

**First Reading****Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>Watch this, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be remembered, and they will not come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever because of what I am creating. Watch this, I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy.

<sup>19</sup>I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard again in her, nor will the sound of crying.

<sup>20</sup>There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days, or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days, for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man, and one who fails to attain a hundred years old will be regarded as cursed.

<sup>21</sup>Then they will build houses and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They will not build a house and have another person live in it. They will not plant and have another person eat the crop, for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They will not toil in vain, and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster, for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD, and their descendants will be with them.

<sup>24</sup>Then it will happen that even before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent will eat dust as its food.

They will not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading****1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, <sup>5</sup>for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

<sup>7</sup>To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 25:1-13**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**