

Call to Worship (Psalm 146)

Men and Boys:

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Women and Girls:

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

Men and Boys:

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Together:

***The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!***

Matthew 25:1-13

25“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But 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.’ 10And 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. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Mateo 25:1-13

25 »Sucederá entonces con el reino de los cielos como lo que sucedió en una boda: diez muchachas tomaron sus lámparas de aceite y salieron a recibir al novio. 2 Cinco de ellas eran despreocupadas y cinco previsoras. 3 Las despreocupadas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no llevaron aceite para llenarlas de nuevo; 4 en cambio, las previsoras llevaron sus botellas de aceite, además de sus lámparas. 5 Como el novio tardaba en llegar, les dio sueño a todas, y por fin se durmieron. 6 Cerca de la medianoche, se oyó gritar: “¡Ya viene el novio! ¡Salgan a recibirlo!” 7 Todas las muchachas se levantaron y comenzaron a preparar sus lámparas. 8 Entonces las cinco despreocupadas dijeron a las cinco previsoras: “Dennos un poco de su aceite, porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando.” 9 Pero las muchachas previsoras contestaron: “No, porque así no alcanzará ni para nosotras ni para ustedes. Más vale que vayan a donde lo venden, y compren para ustedes mismas.” 10 Pero mientras aquellas cinco muchachas fueron a comprar aceite, llegó el novio, y las que habían sido previsoras entraron con él en la boda, y se cerró la puerta. 11 Después llegaron las otras muchachas, diciendo: “¡Señor, señor, ábrenos!” 12 Pero él les contestó: “Les aseguro que no las conozco.” 13 »Manténganse ustedes despiertos —añadió Jesús—, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora.