

## Hymns, Lessons, Gradual for 27 Trinity 2020

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**1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,**  
And let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
And soon He draweth nigh;  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle!  
At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go meet Him as He cometh,  
With hallelujahs clear.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
The gates wide open stand;  
Up, up, ye heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Ye saints, who here in patience  
Your cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever,  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb ye shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Your diadems of gold!

4. Our Hope and Expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, Desire of nations,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption,  
That brings us unto Thee! Amen.

LESSON: ISAIAH 65.17-19

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5.1-11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For your-

selves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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The King's daughter shall be brought unto the King: the virgins, her companions that follow her shall be brought unto Thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven: prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25.1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore,

for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein  
the Son of man cometh.

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**1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"**

The watchmen on the heights are crying;

"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Midnight hears the welcome voices

And at the thrilling cry rejoices:

"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes, awake!

Your lamps with gladness take!

Hallelujah!

With bridal care

Yourselves prepare

To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,

And all her heart with joy is springing,

She wakes, she rises from her gloom;

For her Lord comes down all-glorious,

The strong in grace, in truth victorious,

Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.

"Now come, Thou Blessed One,

Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

Hail! Hosanna!

The joyful call

We answer all

And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,

Let men and angels sing before Thee,

With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.

Of one pearl each shining portal,

Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,

We gather round Thy radiant throne.

No vision ever brought,

No ear hath ever caught,

Such great glory;

Therefore will we

Eternally

Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

**# 644 Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.