

Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [Eph 2:12-22](#)

Brothers and sisters:

You were at that time without Christ, alienated from the community of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the Blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his Flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one Body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm [pS 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

R. (see 9) **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him, and salvation, along the way of his steps.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

Alleluia [Lk 21:36](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [Lk 12:35-38](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.”

Did you know the Boy Scout Motto and the Girl Scout Motto are the same?
BE PREPARED

Jesus says “gird your loins, light your lamps be ready” FOR WHAT? Be prepared for what?
Jesus says “for the Master's return”

Now I have always read this and thought “be ready for Jesus' return” and we need to do that

But let me ask you – How does the Master come to us today?

We say we are made in the image and likeness of God – all of us.

So when we see our neighbor, our brother or sister in need – isn't that the Master?

I do believe we need to be ready for Jesus' return any day now

I also believe that we ought to be able to see Him in each other

And that changes how we hear this Gospel

It becomes “gird your loins and light your lamps and be ready to serve your neighbor”

Be ready – at any time, in any place, to serve; when you see others in need

Remember Mary and the Visitation –

Gabriel had just come with the Annunciation and Mary hears Elizabeth, an older woman, is in 6th mo.

Mary doesn't think about what SHE must do for HERSELF to prepare for HER pregnancy

Instead Mary travels to Elizabeth to help her through the end of her pregnancy

Mary's nature made her ready and willing to do so

Mary's example can serve as our marching orders

Showing us how WE can make this Gospel a reality in the way we live our lives.