Sunday Readings

Amos 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is
darkness, not light; 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; or went into the
house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord
darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though
you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of
well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

First Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 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, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with
a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend
from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so, we will be with
the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

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