

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 84: 1-7 (from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer)

¹ O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

⁶ Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

⁷ They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Zion.

Psalm 130:5-6

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Mark 13: 32-37

³²⁻³⁷ “But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven’s angels, not even the Son. Only the Father. So keep a sharp lookout, for you don’t know the timetable. It’s like a man who takes a trip, leaving home and putting his servants in charge, each assigned a task, and commanding the gatekeeper to stand watch. So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch.”