# Readings at Mass for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

ENTRANCE HYMN *New English Hymnal* 417

FIRST READING Wisdom 6.12-16

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading; and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her her is perfect understanding; and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care - because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63(62). 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; *R.* v. 2b

***R.* For you my soul is thirsting,**
**O Lord, my God.**

O God, you are my God: at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R***.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. ***R***.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. ***R***.

When I remember you upon my bed,
on you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice. ***R***.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, *brothers and sisters*, about those who are asleep - that you may not grieve, as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***R.* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ***R.***

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1-13

At that time: *Jesus told his disciples this parable,* 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "*Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*" Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "*Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.*" But the wise answered, saying, "*Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.*" And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards, the other virgins came also, saying, "*Lord, Lord, open to us.*" But he answered, "*Truly I say to you, I do not know you.*" Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

OFFERTORY HYMN *New English Hymnal* 453

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**
**and profess your Resurrection**
**until you come again.**

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory hymns are also displayed on the boards on the pillars*

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