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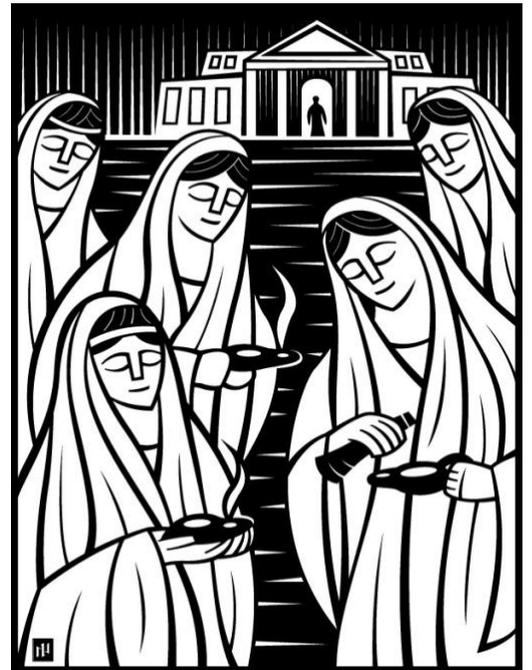
### **Christ the Rock's Mission: To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen to all people of the Four Corners.**

#### **SERIES THEME: People of Faith**

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

#### **SERVICE THEME: Lord, Keep Us Watchful for Our Triumph!**

Like children playing hide and seek, Jesus calls out to us through his Word, "Ready or not here I come!" Thanks be to God that in his love and through Jesus' saving work on the cross, we have been made ready. When Jesus comes in the end, we will be raised and united with all those who have preceded us in the faith. Therefore, let us continue to be vigilant in the faith until that day comes.



**Saints Triumphant**  
**November 15, 2020**

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**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**



## THE WORD

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**1** “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. **4** The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

**5** The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

**6** “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ **7** “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

**9** “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

**10** “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

**11** “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

**12** “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

**13** “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Rest assured in Jesus**

**13** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14** For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

**15** According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

**16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

**18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jerusalem the Golden”

Christian Worship Supplement #728



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With  
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The  
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -  
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed  
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I  
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where  
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us  
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the  
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What  
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are  
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -  
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy  
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -  
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where  
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.  
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.