Matthew 25:1–13

24th Sunday after Pentecost — Proper 27, Year A

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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."	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."	1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take extra olive oil with them. 4 But the wise ones took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 "In the middle of the night there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is here! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' 9 "'No,' they replied, 'there won't be enough for you and for us. Go instead to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 But while they were gone to buy it, the bridegroom arrived, and those who were ready went inside with him to the wedding banquet. Then the door was shut. 11 "Later, the other virgins came too, saying, 'Lord, lord! Open the door for us.' 12 But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I do not know you!' 13 "Therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour."	1 "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 The five who were foolish took their lamps but didn't take any olive oil. 4 The other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. 5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' 7 "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. 8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "But while they were gone to buy it, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. 11 "Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' 12 "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!' 13 "So you also must be prepared, because you do not know the day or hour of my return."	1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. 5 Now while the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and began to sleep. 6 But at midnight there was a shout: 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour."	1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the groom. 2 Five of them were wise and five were foolish. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't take any extra olive oil. 4 But the wise ones took their lamps and also took containers of olive oil. 5 When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "In the middle of the night, a cry rang out, 'Look! The groom! Come out to meet him.' 7 "Then all the bridesmaids got up and put their lamps in order. 8 The foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9 "'No,' the wise bridesmaids replied. 'There won't be enough for both us and you. Go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "While they were gone to buy it, the groom arrived. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 "Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.' 12 "But he replied, 'I assure you, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore, stay awake, because you don't know the day or the hour."	1-5 "God's kingdom is like ten virgins who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom. Five were foolish and five were smart. The foolish ones took lamps but no extra oil. The smart ones took jars of oil to feed their lamps. When the bridegroom didn't show up when they expected him, they all fell asleep. 6-9 "In the middle of the night someone yelled out, 'He's here! The bridegroom's here! Go out and greet him!' The ten virgins got up and got their lamps ready. The foolish virgins said to the smart ones, 'Our lamps are going out; lend us some of your oil.' They answered, 'We can't—there might not be enough to go around. Go buy your own.' 10-13 "They did, but while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. When everyone who was ready had gone in with him to the wedding feast, the door was locked. Much later the other virgins, the ones who had gone to buy oil, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, 'Master, we're here. Let us in.' He answered, 'I'm sorry, but I don't know you.' "So stay alert. You have no idea when he'll arrive."

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