

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY**  
**November 12, 2023**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**READING: Amos 5:18-24**

- <sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, not light;  
<sup>19</sup> 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.  
<sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup> 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.  
<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**PSALM: Psalm 70**

**Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;**  
**O LORD, make haste to help me.**

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and  
be  
disgraced.

**Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me**

**turn back because of their shame.**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

**But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.**

**You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**

### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus said] Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> 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.'

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.