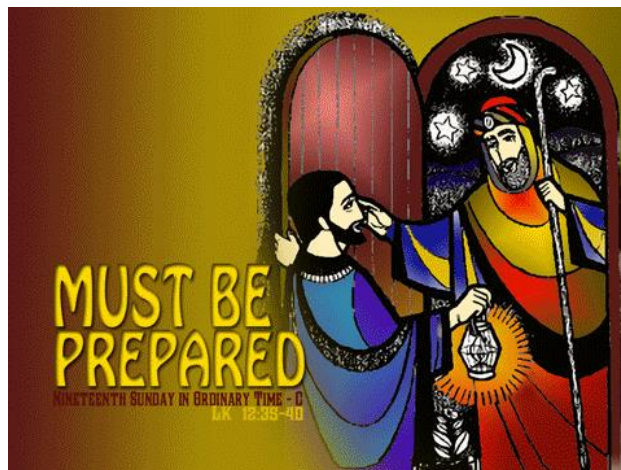


19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus taught us to us to build up treasure for ourselves in God's Kingdom and not on earthly possessions. This Sunday's Gospel reinforces the saying that we are not to be like the greedy rich man who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.



Explaining his parable of the servants waiting for the master to return from the wedding feast, Jesus says that we need to stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect. We have to realise that this Gospel story comes as Jesus is walking with his disciples to Jerusalem, walking to his death and resurrection at Easter, and on this journey he teaches them, confiding to them what he himself carries in his heart. Jesus opens himself to his disciples showing the deep attitude of his heart: detachment from earthly possessions, his trust in God and his innermost watchfulness.



Jesus asks us two questions:

Do you have a heart filled with desire, or is it a closed heart, or a heart numb to others or an inactive heart?

Where is your treasure, what are you longing for?

We must ask these questions of ourselves.

What is the most important thing in your life? What attracts your heart? Do you live for God and in the service of God's people?

