Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 2:21-25 Matthew 25:1-13
Today's Scripture Verse:	*Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)*
What it means:	This is the conclusion to the parable about the bridesmaids who did not prepare themselves adequately with oil for their lamps, so missed their chance to join the wedding banquet. Belief in the second coming of the Christ is less common today than it was in times past, but whether or not we hold this belief, it is a worthy question to ask if we'd feel ready to meet him if he were to come today. The broader application of the teaching is that the good news is about faithfulness, and being neglectful of what we are called to do will lead to disappointment.
Our time of prayer:	Holy One, may our inspiration to faithfulness lie in the teachings of Jesus, who was faithful beyond measure to the commitments of love.