

## Reading for Sunday, March 4, 2018

### Scripture Readings: Psalm 19 ...responsively

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong runner pursues its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors?

**Clear me from hidden faults.**

**Keep back your servant also from proud thoughts;  
do not let them have dominion over me.**

**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

**All:**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## Lenten Liturgy

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One: We live in the knowledge that God satisfies our souls thirst with refreshing water.

**All: God's steadfast love is better than life.**

One: We live with the assurance that those who destroy will never triumph.

**All: God's steadfast love is better than life.**

One: Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast and so we sing for joy in the shadow of God's wings.

**All: God's steadfast love is better than life.**

One: God is our God and we have seen God's power and glory; we know God's salvation.

**All: God's steadfast love is better than life.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Loving and Gracious God, we continue our Lenten journey of personal reflection and repentance. We do so with joy and hope for we know that your mercy is always close to us. When we call you, you hear. <sup>L</sup>SEP You provide fine food to fill our hunger and refreshing waters to quench our thirst. In Jesus Christ you span the distance between your thoughts and our thoughts, between your ways and our ways. We praise and adore you, O God, in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**