

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

from the Common English Bible

²⁰Wisdom shouts in the street; in the public square she raises her voice. ²¹Above the noisy crowd, she calls out. At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say: ²²“How long will you clueless people love your naïveté, mockers hold their mocking dear, and fools hate knowledge? ²³You should respond when I correct you. Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you. I’ll reveal my words to you. ²⁴I invited you, but you rejected me; I stretched out my hand to you, but you paid no attention. ²⁵You ignored all my advice, and you didn’t want me to correct you. ²⁶So I’ll laugh at your disaster; I’ll make fun of you when dread comes over you, ²⁷when terror hits you like a hurricane, and your disaster comes in like a tornado, when distress and oppression overcome you. ²⁸Then they will call me, but I won’t answer; they will seek me, but won’t find me ²⁹because they hated knowledge and didn’t choose the fear of the Lord. ³⁰They didn’t want my advice; they rejected all my corrections. ³¹They will eat from the fruit of their way, and they’ll be full of their own schemes. ³²The immature will die because they turn away; smugness will destroy fools. ³³Those who obey me will dwell securely, untroubled by the dread of harm.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

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¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

²**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

⁶**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

³³Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." ³⁴After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ³⁵All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. ³⁶Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? ³⁷What will people give in exchange for their lives? ³⁸Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

from the Common English Bible

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

²⁹He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." ³²He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him.