

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM (7:7-10)

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken her to any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

⁶ Then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.