

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON (7:24-8:1)

For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 8

- ¹ O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- ⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- ⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- ¹⁰ O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!