

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTICUS 1:11-14

The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation, and gladness and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord delights the heart and gives gladness and joy and long life. Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end; on the day of their death, they will be blessed. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 19:1-6 (said together)

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 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course,

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.