

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (*Composite 2, Proverbs ch. 10, 3, 8*)

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*Reader:* The memory of a righteous man is praised, and the Lord's blessing is upon his head. Blessed is one who has found wisdom; a mortal who knows understanding. To import her is better than treasures of gold and silver. She is more valuable than precious stones; nothing of value equals her worth. Righteousness proceeds from her mouth; she bears law and mercy on her tongue. Therefore, my children, listen to me, for I speak weighty things. And blessed is the one who keeps my ways. For my goings out are the goings out of life, and favour is prepared from the Lord. Therefore I exhort you, and utter my voice to the children of humankind. Because I, Wisdom, have prepared counsel, knowledge and understanding. I have called on them. Counsel and sureness are mine; prudence is mine, strength is mine. I love those who are my friends, while those who seek me shall find grace. You innocent, then, understand cunning; you untaught, take it to heart. Listen to me, for I will speak weighty things, and I will open right things from my lips. Because my throat will meditate truth; lying lips are abominable before me. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness, there is nothing crooked in them nor twisted. They are all straight for those who understand, and right for those who find knowledge. For I teach you what is true, that your hope may be in the Lord and that you may be filled with spirit.

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*Reader:* The mouth of the righteous drops wisdom; but the tongue of the unrighteous shall be cut out. The lips of righteous men know graces; but the mouth of the impious is turned away. A false balance is an abomination before the Lord; but a just weight is acceptable to him. Wherever pride enters, there too dishonor; but the mouth of the humble meditates wisdom. The perfection of the devout shall guide them, but the crookedness of the treacherous shall carry them off. Property does not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness shall deliver from death. When a righteous man dies he leaves regret; ready and welcome the destruction of the ungodly. The righteousness of the blameless keeps their ways straight, but impiety encounters unrighteousness. The righteousness of upright men shall deliver them, but transgressors are caught by base counsel. When a righteous man dies his hope does not perish; but the boast of the ungodly perishes. A righteous man escapes from the hunt, but the ungodly is given up in his place. In the mouth of the ungodly is a snare for citizens, but the perception of the righteous brings prosperity. By the good things of the righteous a city is successful, and in the loss of the ungodly there is gladness. By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the ungodly it shall be overthrown. One who lacks sense sneer at their fellow citizens, an intelligent man practices stillness.

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*Reader:* The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment will touch them. In the eyes of fools they seemed to die and their departure was reckoned a disaster and their going from us their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in the furnace he tried them and like a whole burnt offering he accepted them. And in the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones and visitation on his elect.

*Then, the Augmented Litany*