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Study

Psalm 19

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶It 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.
- ⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Prelude to Prayer

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayers

Let us pray.

O God of steadfast love, you are near to those who call, to all who cry out to you for help. Hear our cries and save us, grant to us your grace and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silence

Eternal God, we thank you for being with us today, and for every sign of your truth and love in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for

the gift of peace in Christ . . .
reconciliation in our relationships . . .
each new insight into your love . . .
energy and courage to share your love . . .
the ministries of the church . . .

Gracious God, we remember in our own hearts the needs of others, that we may reach up to claim your love for them, and reach out to give your love in the name of Christ.

Especially we pray for
racial harmony and justice . . .
those imprisoned . . .
strangers we have met today . . .
friends who are bereaved . . .

O loving God, you know the needs of all the world. By your Spirit, grant that we, having turned to you in prayer, now might turn to one another in peace, tend and keep what you have made, and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer Response

Listen

The piano will introduce the melody of the response, followed by the assembly joining to sing, repeating three times.



The leader may call out other words to replace "Listen, listen."

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Blessing

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God.

Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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