

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Fareham

Lenten Vespers

St. Francis, Funtley

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7 pm

Psalm 19



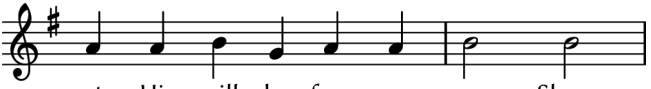
- L** The precepts of the | LORD are right,*
rejoicing | the heart.
- C** **The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims
his | handiwork.**
- L** Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.
- C** **There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.**
- L** Their measuring line goes out through all the
earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
- C** **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving
his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course
with joy.**
- L** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its
circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.
- C** **The law of the LORD is perfect, reviv- | ing the
soul;***
**the testimony of the LORD is sure, making
wise the | simple;**
- L** the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing | the
heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening | the eyes;
- C** **the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring
for- | ever;***
**the just decrees of the LORD are true, and
righteous alto- | gether.**
- L** More to be desired are they than gold,
even | much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey and drippings of
the | honeycomb.
- C** **Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;***
in keeping them there is | great reward.
- L** Who can discern his- | errors?*
- Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.
- C** **Keep back your servant also from
presumptuous sins; let them not have
dominion | over me!***
**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of
great trans- | gression.**
- L** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now and will be forever. | Amen.**

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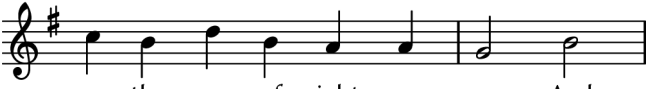
Office Hymn: The Law of God is Good and Wise



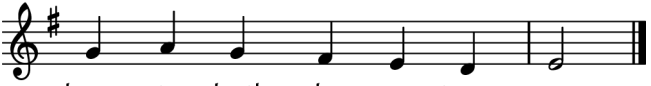
1. The Law of God is good and wise And



sets His will be - fore our eyes, Shows



us the way of right - eous - ness, And



dooms to death when we trans - gress.

- 2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy (1828–1915), alt.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1–17

Second Reading: Romans 8:1–17

Third Reading: Matthew 5:13–20

Catechism

L The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

L The Second Commandment

C You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practise witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

L The Third Commandment

C Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

L The Fourth Commandment

C Honour your father and your mother.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

L The fifth commandment:

C You shall not murder.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

L The sixth commandment:

C You shall not commit adultery.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honour each other.

L The Seventh Commandment

C You shall not steal.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

L The Eighth Commandment

C You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

L The Ninth Commandment

C You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

L The Tenth Commandment

C You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.

L What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's

wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

L The Close of the Commandments. What does God say about all these commandments?

C He says, “I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

L What does this mean?

C God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Collect

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Closing Hymn: Glory to Thee, My God, This Night

1. Glory to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
2. Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
3. Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.
4. O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.
5. When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.
6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637–1711; Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–85)