

Psalm 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

**⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Readings — September 27, 2015

Gospel Readings:

Mark 9:42-48

⁴²If any of you put a *stumbling block* before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to *stumble*, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to *stumble*, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to *stumble*, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

Mark 4:14, 16-17

¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they *fall away*.

Mark 14:26-31

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all *become deserters*; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all *become deserters*, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.