

# 25a. For the Care of Creation

(RM 37a)

## 942a Reading from the Old Testament

942a-1

Wisdom 13:1-9

*'If they could investigate the world, how did they fail to find the Lord of these things?'*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

- <sup>1</sup> All men who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature;  
and they were unable from the good things that are seen  
to know him who exists,  
nor did they recognise the artisan while paying heed to his works;  
<sup>2</sup> but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air  
or the circle of the stars or turbulent water  
or the luminaries of heaven  
were the gods that rule the world.  
<sup>3</sup> If through delight in the beauty of these things  
people assumed them to be gods,  
let them know how much better than these is their Lord,  
for the author of beauty created them.  
<sup>4</sup> And if people were amazed at their power and working,  
let them perceive from them  
how much more powerful is he who formed them.  
<sup>5</sup> For from the greatness and beauty of created things  
comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.  
<sup>6</sup> Yet these people are little to be blamed,  
for perhaps they go astray  
while seeking God and desiring to find him.  
<sup>7</sup> For as they live among his works they keep searching,  
and they trust in what they see,  
because the things that are seen are beautiful.  
<sup>8</sup> Yet again, not even they are to be excused;  
<sup>9</sup> for if they had the power to know so much  
that they could investigate the world,  
how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

The word of the Lord.

## 942b Reading from the New Testament

### 942b-1

Colossians 1:15-20

*'All things were created through him and for him.'*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

15 Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,  
the first born of all creation.  
16 For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities —  
all things were created through him and for him.  
17 And he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
18 And he is the head of the body, the Church.  
He is the beginning, the first born from the dead,  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.  
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

## 942c Responsorial Psalm

### 942c-1

Psalm 19(18):2-3. 4-5. R:2a

R: The heavens declare the glory of God.

2 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.  
3 Day unto day breathes forth a word,  
and night unto night imparts the knowledge. R:  
4 No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded;  
5 their sound goes forth through all the earth,  
their message to the utmost bounds of the world. R:

R. May the LORD rejoice in his works.

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and honour,  
<sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a robe! R.
- <sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundation,  
immovable from age to age.  
<sup>6</sup> You wrapped it with the depths like a cloak;  
the waters stood higher than the mountains. R.
- <sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow in between the hills.  
<sup>12</sup> There the birds of heaven build their nests;  
from the branches they sing their song. R.
- <sup>24</sup> How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>35</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. R.

## 942d Acclamation before the Gospel

Outside of Lent, the response to the verse before the Gospel is Alleluia.

During Lent, one of the following acclamations is used instead of Alleluia as a response to the verse before the Gospel:

- a. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
- b. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
- c. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
- d. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
- e. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
- f. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD;  
you rule over all.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,

24 'No one can serve two masters,  
for either he will hate the one and love the other,  
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and money.

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,  
what you will eat or what you will drink,  
nor about your body, what you will put on.  
Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air:  
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,  
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

28 And why are you anxious about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,  
29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field,  
which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,  
will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying,

"What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"

32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things,  
and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be added to you.

34 'Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.  
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*'He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm.'*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time:

23 When Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea,  
so that the boat was being swamped by the waves;  
but he was asleep.

25 And they went and woke him, saying,  
'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.'

26 And he said to them,  
'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?'

Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea,  
and there was a great calm.

27 And the men marvelled, saying,  
'What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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