

Proverbs: Seek Wisdom
A Path to Follow - Proverbs 2:1-22**Collect:**

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymn:*[Verse 1]*

Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart,
Bid every rival give way and depart:
You my best thought in the day or the night,
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

[Verse 2]

Lord, be my wisdom and be my true word,
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:
You my great Father and I your true son,
You in me living and I with You one.

[Verse 3]

Lord, be my breastplate, my sword for the fight:
Be my strong armour, for You are my might;
You are my shelter, and You my high tower
Raise me to heaven, O Power of my power.

[Verse 4]

I need no riches, nor man's empty praise:
You my inheritance through all my days;
All of Your treasure to me You impart.
High King of heaven, the first in my heart

[Verse 5]

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Reading

Proverbs 2:1-22

My son, if you accept my words and store up
my commands within you,
² turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding—
³ indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,

⁴ and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and
understanding.
⁷ He holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is
blameless,
⁸ for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.
⁹ Then you will understand what is right and
just
and fair—every good path.
¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your
soul.
¹¹ Discretion will protect you,
and understanding will guard you.
¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of
wicked men,
from men whose words are perverse,
¹³ who have left the straight paths
to walk in dark ways,
¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,
¹⁵ whose paths are crooked
and who are devious in their ways.
¹⁶ Wisdom will save you also from the
adulterous woman,
from the wayward woman with her
seductive words,
¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth
and ignored the covenant she made before
God.^[a]
¹⁸ Surely her house leads down to death
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.
¹⁹ None who go to her return
or attain the paths of life.
²⁰ Thus you will walk in the ways of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹ For the upright will live in the land,
and the blameless will remain in it;

²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the unfaithful will be torn from it.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Communion

Blessing:

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

NOTE: Distribution of communion.

Bread:

- We often serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000

Wine:

- We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.
- We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.
- If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.

A blessing:

- If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.

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