



ECUMENICAL CHURCH OF OCCITANIE

Reading for Evening Prayer – 14TH September 2021

Proverbs 15:1 - 17

- ¹ A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- ² The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge,
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.
- ³ The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- ⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.
- ⁵ A fool despises a parent's instruction,
but the one who heeds admonition is prudent.
- ⁶ In the house of the righteous there is much treasure,
but trouble befalls the income of the wicked.
- ⁷ The lips of the wise spread knowledge;
not so the minds of fools.
- ⁸ The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- ⁹ The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
but he loves the one who pursues righteousness.
- ¹⁰ There is severe discipline for one who forsakes the way,
but one who hates a rebuke will die.
- ¹¹ Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD,
how much more human hearts!
- ¹² Scoffers do not like to be rebuked;
they will not go to the wise.
- ¹³ A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance,
but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- ¹⁴ The mind of one who has understanding seeks knowledge,
but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- ¹⁵ All the days of the poor are hard,
but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
- ¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the LORD
than great treasure and trouble with it.
- ¹⁷ Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is
than a fatted ox and hatred with it.