**Wednesday Service 19th May 2021**

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, Eternal God.

How sweet are your words to the taste,

sweeter than honey to the mouth.

How precious are your commands for our life,

more than the finest gold in our hands.

How marvellous is your will for the world,

unending is your love for the nations.

Our voices shall sing of your promises

and our lips declare your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

O Thou who art One and All-abiding,

I offer up my thoughts, words and actions

 unto Thee.

Grant that each act of the day may be an

 act of devotion.

Thou art the Source of my being;

I turn to Thee in whole-hearted love and

 trust.

In Thee alone do I find rest and satisfaction.

From Thee alone can I draw life and

 strength.

Swami Paramananda (1884-1940)

*from* Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,

***the sky proclaims God’s handiwork.***

Day unto day utters speech,

***night unto night teaches knowledge.***

Yet there is no speech, there are no words,

***not a sound of them is heard!***

And still their call goes out to all the earth,

***and their message to the end of the world.***

God’s Teaching is perfect,

***reviving the soul.***

God’s word is unfailing,

***making wise the simple.***

God’s precepts are right,

***delighting the mind.***

God’s commandments are clear,

***enlightening the eyes.***

God’s doctrine is pure,

***enduring for ever.***

God’s guidance is true,

***and altogether just.***

They are more to be desired than gold, than any amount of fine gold;

***sweeter than honey from the honeycomb.***

Your servant pays heed to them,

***for on keeping them much depends.***

Who is aware of errors?

***Cleanse me, therefore, of unconscious sins.***

Hold back Your servant also from wilful sins,

***let them not control me;***

then I shall be blameless,

***and innocent of grave transgression.***

May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,

***be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.***

***Reading:*** John 17.11-19

***Prayers of intercession***

***Passage for study together***

***Prayer***

**As we rejoice in the gift of this day,**

**so may the light of your presence, O God,**

**set our hearts on fire with love for you;**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

May God bless us, and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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