

# **25 October 2020**

# **Demonstrating faith - Giving as God has given (2 Cor 9:1-15)**

## **Greetings**

From 1 Cor 1:2-3

**2** To the church of God that is in "FMH", to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

"Let us read together:"

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Thanksgiving**

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, **5** that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— **6** even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **8** who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let me read for us Psalm 19 as we prepare our hearts for a time of praise, meditation and remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **CONGREGATIONAL READING:**

**Psalm 19: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect:**

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

**19** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above[a] proclaims his handiwork.**2** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals

knowledge.**3** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**4** Their voice[b] goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.In them he has set a tent for the sun,**5** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**7** The law of the Lord is perfect,[c] reviving the soul;the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**8** the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**9** the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;the rules[d] of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**10** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**11** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**12** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**13** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## Song Reflection: So Will I.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ&ab\\_channel=Hillsong Worship](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ&ab_channel=Hillsong Worship)

## Prayer and Liturgy:

- From the beginning in creation (Gen 1), to the fullness of time (Gal 4:4-7) when Christ came, to the redemption of our souls, and in the fellowship of the church and the Holy Spirit,
  - God, you are here.

- In our personal devotions, in our singing, in our praises, in our prayers, in our meditations
  - God, you are here.
- In our families, in our church, in our communities, in our love for one another and strangers,
  - God, you are here
- In our victories, in our celebrations, in our tears of joy, in our awe, in our wonder,
  - God, you are here.
- In our sin, in our hurt, in our anger, in our injustice, in our tears of sadness, in our pain, in our suffering, in our tiredness, in our weakness, in our anxieties, in our failures,
  - God, you are here.
- In our mornings, in our afternoons, in our nights, in our daydreaming, in our sleep
  - God, you are here.
- In our work, in our studies, in our entertainment, in our exercise, in our commute, in our homes
  - God, you are here.
- You have never forsaken us, even in all the times when we felt nothing. Convict us of your love and presence for us this morning, that we may respond in worship in Spirit and Truth.
- Let us take hold of the gift of time and you have given us. Allow us to recognise you as the keeper of our times, for our times are in your hands and that all good things come from You (James 1:17). Alpha and omega (Rev 21:6), beginning and end, the one who was, is, and is to come (Rev 1:8), remind us of the sacredness of every moment and breath we take to be conscious of you every moment. Amen.

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- Let us clap in unity as a church.

## Prayer:

- Dear heavenly Father, help us to recognise our finitude in the knowledge of your infinitude. Draw us into your Glory and Holiness, to recognise that nothing in our lives should be done apart from you — for we will bear no fruit if anything done apart from you. Allow us to submit all aspects of our lives under your lordship, to put to death our earthly ways, be renewed in knowledge after You to be your chosen people for each other (Col 3:5-11).

## Meditation: Find rest in Him (3:30)

- Before we partake in the communion, I invite us into a time of meditation unto how God has been speaking to each of us this week, to find rest and refuge in our Lord.

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## Communion: Song Reflection: Worthy is the Lamb

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNHilFdCrEs&ab\\_channel=MaranathaindonesiaOfficial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNHilFdCrEs&ab_channel=MaranathaindonesiaOfficial)

- ERIC: As we prepare for the communion, I invite us to reflect on how Christ is our reason for loving those around us — that though he was rich, he

became poor for our sake that we may become rich (2 Cor 8:9), and how he did not count equality with God but set aside his status to be like us, even humbling himself on the cross to die for us (Phil 2:6).

Please be seated.

### **The Cheerful Giver**

2 Cor 9:6 The point is this: ywhoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully4 will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, wnot reluctantly or under compulsion, for xGod loves a cheerful giver. 8 And yGod is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency5 in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

### Workings