

Thought for the day – Thursday 16th February 2023

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Janet Morley Hymn to Wisdom

My soul yearns for wisdom,
and beyond all else my heart longs for her.
She has walked through the depths of the abyss,
she has measured its boundaries;
for she was there from the beginning,
and apart from her, not one thing came to be.
She played before creation, when the world was made,
and in her hands are all things held together;
she danced upon the face of the deep,
and all that has breath is instinct with her life.
The mystery of creation is in her grasp,
yet she delights to expand her ways.

In the streets of the city, wisdom is calling,
and on the access roads she encounters those who pass;
at the gates of the camp she sings in triumph,
and in the law courts she lifts up her voice.
With the timid and fearful she takes her stand,
and in the mouths of children she is heard to speak.
She cries out to the foolish to listen,
and the wise take heed to her words.
But amongst her own, she is not recognized,
And those who need her have thrust her out;
she has been pushed aside like the poor,
and broken like those of no account.

So she abandons those who are wise in their own sight,
but with all who are ready to receive her,
she makes her home.

For her delight is in the truth,
and she takes no pleasure in deceitful ways,
her integrity is to be more desired than comfort,
and her discernment is more precious than security.

In her alone is the life of humanity,
therefore while I live I will search her out;
for whoever is fed by wisdom will never hunger
and all who drink from her will never thirst again.

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We didn't have time to read this antiphonally two lines at a time at our Bible study, but I thought it acted as a summary.

I enjoyed being taught by Janet Morley when training.