Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:1-16

(Congregation reads the italicized lines)

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who keep his statues and seek him with all their heart.

They do nothing wrong; they walk in His Ways You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

How can a young man keep his way pure? by living according to Your word. I will seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Praise be to you O Lord; teach me Your decrees.

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth I rejoice in following Your statues as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.

Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey Your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. My soul is consumed with longing for Your laws at all times.

~Trinity Hymnal, pg. 801 — Psalm 119~