

# Psalm 19

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*Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.*

## Introduction

The com - mand - ment of the Lord is — pure, and gives light to the eyes.

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- (1) The heavens proclaim the glory of God,  
(1) and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.  
(2) One day speaks to another,  
(2) and night shares its knowledge with night,  
(3) and this without speech or language;  
(4) their voices are not heard. **R.**

- (1) But their sound goes out into all lands,  
(1) their words to the end of the earth.  
(2) In them God has pitched a tent for the sun,  
(2) which comes out like a bridegroom,  
like an athlete eager to run a race.  
(3) Its rising is at one end of the sky,  
it runs its course to the other,  
(4) and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. **R.**

- (1) The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
(2) the instruction of the Lord is sure,  
and gives wisdom to the simple.  
(3) The precepts of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
(4) the commandment of the Lord is pure  
and gives light to the eyes. **R.**

- (1) The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever;  
(1) the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous every one.  
(2) They are more to be desired than gold,  
even much fine gold,  
(2) sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.  
(3) By them is your servant taught,  
(4) and for keeping them there is great reward. **R.**

- (1) Who can discern unwitting sins?  
(1) O cleanse me from my secret faults.  
(2) Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the better of me;  
(2) then shall I be clean,  
and innocent of great offence.  
(3) Let the words of my mouth  
and the thoughts of my heart  
(4) be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**