

HOW PERFECT IS THE LAW OF GOD

Responsorial Song from Psalm 119 for Sunday 3C
for Psalmist (Cantor), Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard & Guitar

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*How perfect the Law of God,
she is wisdom and joy for the heart.*

How perfect the Law of God,
giving life to the soul,
whose decrees shall endure for ever,
for the humble of heart, they are wisdom.

The faithful are guided
giving joy to the heart.
They are clear, who do not understand them?
Who can but welcome them and embrace
them?

How holy they are in awe,
showing respect for ever.
For the precepts of the Law are rings true,
no deceit in them, they are justice.

Preserve me from sin, O God,
my heart pure and free.
Do not let my eyes be closed,
for your sight, O God, is my safety.

In the Wisdom Tradition of the Scriptures, she is the feminine side of the Deity. She is with God at the dawn of Creation because she is God. In the Jewish tradition, Wisdom (Sophia in Greek) is female. It is in this context that she is used to describe the Law of God, since the Law is an aspect of Wisdom, the path to a better world.

- Tony Barr

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Responsorial Song from Psalm 19 for Sunday 3C

& text from Psalm 19 Tony Barr

INTRO ♩ = ca. 84

Cantor first time

How per - fect _____

F Gm Gm

God, she is wis - dom _____ for the heart.

Cm7 F Gm

REFRAIN

Descant on selected Refrains

How per - fect _____ the Law of God, _____ she is

All All

How per - fect _____ the Law of God, _____ she is

Cm7

wis - dom and joy — for the heart.

wis - dom — and joy for the heart.

F Gm

This system contains the first two vocal staves and the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "wis - dom and joy — for the heart." and "wis - dom — and joy for the heart." The piano part includes chords F and Gm.

1-4 Cm D to V Final

This system contains the piano accompaniment for the second system. It includes the tempo marking "1-4", the key signature "Cm", and the instruction "D to V Final".

VERSES Psalmist from the ambo

1. How per - fect are the com - mand - ments of God, giv - ing

2. How pre - cious are the judgments, how reliable are the pre - cepts, how right are the

3. How reverent are the works, how glorious are the wonders, how

Pre - serve me from pride and mal - ice, keep my

Gm Cm7

This section contains three verses of the psalm. The lyrics are: "1. How per - fect are the com - mand - ments of God, giv - ing", "2. How pre - cious are the judgments, how reliable are the pre - cepts, how right are the", and "3. How reverent are the works, how glorious are the wonders, how". The piano accompaniment includes chords Gm and Cm7.

1. life to the soul, whose de - crees show in - dures - for
2. joy to the heart. They are clear, who can be - liever -
3. rev - 'rence for ev - er. For the pat - ten of wis - dom rings
4. heart pure and free. All then shall be - lieve in your
F Bb Gm

att. Refrain D.S.

1. ev - er, the law of heart, they are wis - dom.
2. stand them? Who can but be - lieve in them and em - brace them?
3. true, no one can be - lieve in them, on - ly jus - tice.
4. the law of heart are my Rock and my safe - ty.
Gm D Gm

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How per - fect the Law of God, is

All
How per - fect the Law of she is

wis - dom and joy for his heart.

wis - dom and joy to his heart.

VERSES *Psalmist from the ambo*

1. How per - fect the Law of God, giv - ing

2. The far - reaching are guid - ed by them, giv - ing

3. How - ly to be in awe, show - ing

- serve me from pride and mal - ice, keep my

1. life to the soul, whose de - crees shall

2. joy to the heart. They are ear, who can but un - der -

3. rev - 'rence for ev - er. For their - ter - nals - dom rings

4. heart pure and free. When find fav - or in your

att. Refrain D.S.

1. ev - er, from the of heart, they are wis - dom.

2. stand them? Who can but el - come them and em - brace them?

3. true, no cent lin - gers there, on - ly jus - tice.

4. at, you - lone are ny Rock and my safe - ty.

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