Reading


The woman who fears the Lord is the one to praise.

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

10 A perfect wife — who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.

11 Her husband’s heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

12 Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.

13 She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

19 She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

20 She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

31 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.