

## Sixth Reading

### Baruch 3:9-15, 32C-4:4

#### A. Importance of Wisdom

- <sup>9</sup> Listen, Israel, the commands that promise life:  
pay attention and you will become wise.
- <sup>10</sup> Why is it, Israel,  
that you find yourself in an enemy land? Why have you  
grown old in a foreign country?  
You are ritually unclean like the dead;
- <sup>11</sup> you are already counted among the dead. But why?
- <sup>12</sup> It is because you have left the sources of wisdom!
- <sup>13</sup> If you had walked in God's ways,  
you would have lived in peace forever.
- <sup>14</sup> Learn where understanding, strength and insight are to  
be found.  
Then you will know where to find a long and full life  
light to guide you, and peace.
- <sup>15</sup> No one has ever found where Wisdom lives or  
has entered her treasure house.
- <sup>32</sup> The only one who knows Wisdom I God and  
He knows all things. With his understanding he found  
her.  
He established the earth for all time  
and filled it with all kinds of animals.
- <sup>33</sup> The light trembled and obeyed him when he called.  
He sent it forth, and it appeared.
- <sup>34</sup> He called the stars and they promptly answered; they  
took their places and gladly shone to please the one  
who made them.
- <sup>35</sup> He is our God and there is none like him..
- <sup>36</sup> He discovered the entire path leading to understanding  
and gave Wisdom to his servant Israel, whom he loved.
- <sup>37</sup> From that time on, Wisdom appeared on earth and lived  
among us.

## Chapter 4

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom is the book of God's commandments, the Law

that will last forever.

All who hold onto her will live,

but those who abandon her will die.

<sup>2</sup> Turn to Wisdom, people of Israel and take hold of her.

Make your way toward the splendor of her light.

<sup>3</sup> Do not surrender our glorious privileges to any other people.

<sup>4</sup> How happy we are, people of Israel;

we have the advantage of knowing what is pleasing to God!

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