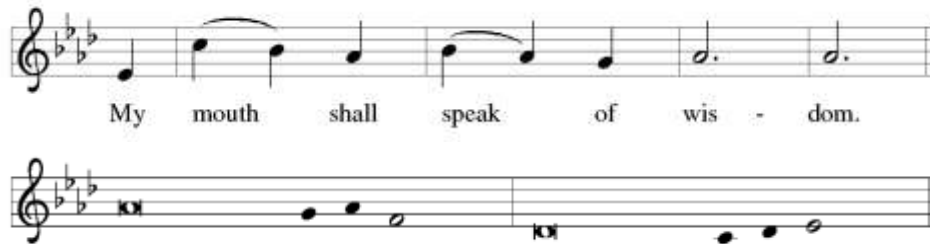


August 1, 2010 – Pentecost 10/ Proper 18



Psalm 49:1-12

- ¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
²**you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**
³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R**
⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
⁷One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to |
generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish. R**