

THE LESSONS

Congregation seated

Psalm 50

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Choir, then everyone:



Out of Zi-on, per-fect in its beau-ty, God re-veals him-self in glo-ry.

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory. **Refrain**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people. **Refrain**
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge. **Refrain**

The First Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p.965)

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*