

A Meditation on Wisdom

The leader says:

Wisdom has built Her house;
She has hewn out its seven pillars.

And She says:

I was there from eternity,
from the beginning , before the earth began.
Before the oceans I was already conceived.
I was born before the springs were abounding with water,
Before the mountains were settled in place.

Before the hills were formed I was given birth,
Before He made the earth or its fields,
or any of the dust of the world.

I was there when He set the heavens into place.
When He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep
When He established the clouds above,
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
When He prescribed the sea its limit
so that the waters would stay in its boundary,
and when He marked out the foundations of the earth,
I was at His side always,
filling Him with delight
and rejoicing in His presence.

Blessed are those who listen to Me,
For whoever finds Me , finds Life.

Leader:

Mother of God.

All:

Height and Depth are born in You.
You are the condition of all existence.
By Your Wisdom , Joy is nourished
By Your Compassion, Sorrow is tempered.
Therefore we offer You all the joy
and all the pain of this world.
(All think of the recent happenings in the world)

Leader:

Mother of all Life.

All:

All that was born was conceived in Your Wisdom
In Your womb all things were formed.
In Your care the weak and tender life is kept.
Therefore we offer You the young,
and growing life in this world.
(All think of the young life in general or of particular cases)

Leader:

Mother of the World.

All:

You are the foundation of the earth on which we stand
Your wisdom sets the limits
of the protective space around us.
Therefore we offer You
the persecuted and the homeless in this world.
(All think of the persecuted and the homeless in this world.)