

Reading

Ecclesiasticus 26: 1–4. 13–16

Like the sun rising is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

- ¹ Happy the husband of a really good wife;
the number of his days will be doubled.
- ² A perfect wife is the joy of her husband,
he will live out the years of his life in peace.
- ³ A good wife is the best of portions,
reserved for those who fear the Lord;
- ⁴ rich or poor, they will be glad of heart;
cheerful of face, whatever the season.
- ¹³ The grace of a wife will charm her husband,
her accomplishments will make him stronger.
- ¹⁴ A silent wife is a gift from the Lord,
no price can be put on a well-trained character.
- ¹⁵ A modest wife is a boon twice over,
a chaste character cannot be weighed on scales.
- ¹⁶ Like the sun rising over the mountains of the Lord
is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house.
- The word of the Lord.