

*Father will invite you to come forward for the readings. Go to the Altar, bow and then go to the lectern. Do reading.*

Proverbs 31: 10-31

## **A reading from the Book of Proverbs**

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She is gird about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.

She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed. She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom and on her tongue is kindly counsel. Her children rise up and praise her.

Many are the women of proven worth but you have excelled them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her the reward of her labors and let her works praise her at the city gate.

## **The Word of the Lord**

*When finished go to bottom of step, turn and face the Altar, bow and go back to your seat.*