Heaven and Earth Will Fade Away

Antiphon $ \frac{\text{crotchet}}{\text{eighth notes}} = \text{ca. 58}$

Heaven and earth will fade away: my words will never fade away, never fade away.


1. I will thank you with an upright heart as I learn your decrees.
2. How shall the young remain sinless? By obeying your word.
3. I treasure your promise in my heart lest I sin against you.
4. With my tongue I have recounted the decrees of your lips.
5. I will ponder all your precepts and consider your paths.
6. Make me grasp the way of your precepts and I will muse on your wonders.
7. Guide me in the path of your commands; for there is my delight.
8. Keep my eyes from what is false; by your word, give me life.

1. I will obey your statutes; do not forsake me.
2. I have sought you with all my heart; let me not stray from your commands.
3. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.
4. I rejoiced to do your will as though all riches were mine.
5. I take delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
6. My soul pines away with grief; by your word raise me up.
7. Bend my heart to your will and not to love of gain.
8. Keep the promise you have made to the servant who fears you.
Verses (continued)

9. Remember your word to your servant by which you gave me hope.
10. My part, I have resolved, O LORD, is to obey your word.
11. Your word, O LORD, for ever stands firm in the heavens:
12. By your decree it endures to this day; for all things serve you.
13. Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.
14. LORD, I am deeply afflicted; by your word give me life.
15. Though I carry my life in my hands, I remember your law.
16. Your will is my heritage for ever, therefore I obey it.
17. Your will is wonderful in deed; the joy of my heart.
18. I open my mouth and I sigh as I yearn for your commands.
19. Redeem me from those who oppress me and I will keep your precepts.
20. Your justice is eternal justice and your law is truth.

9. This is my comfort in sorrow: that your promise gives me life.
10. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
11. Your truth lasts from age to age, like the earth you created.
12. Your promise is sweeter to my taste than honey in the mouth.
13. I have sworn and have made up my mind to obey your decrees.
14. Accept, LORD, the homage of my lips and teach me your decrees.
15. Though the wicked try to ensnare me, I do not stray from your precepts.
16. I set myself to carry out your statutes in fullness, for ever.
17. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.
18. Let my steps be guided by your promise; let no evil rule me.
19. Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees.
20. The justice of your will is eternal: if you teach me I shall live.

Performance Notes
Verses 1–16 are used on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.
Verses 13–20 are used on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

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