

# Reading for Virtual Compline

Brent House

May 13, 2020

Sirach 34:21-27 (NRSV)

Leader All

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the book of ben Si - ra.

If one sacrifices ill-gotten goods, the offering is blem - ished;

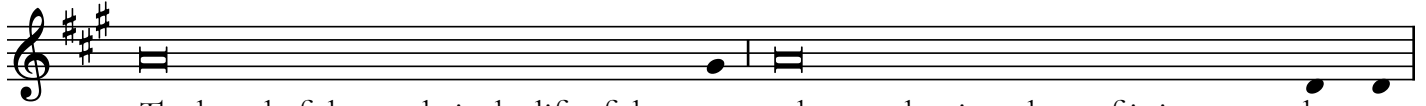
the gifts of the lawless are not accept - a - ble.

The Most High is not pleased with the offerings of the ungod - ly,

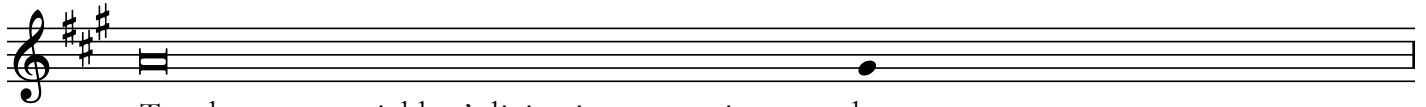
nor for a multitude of sacrifices does he for - give\_ sins.

Like the one who kills a son before his father's eyes

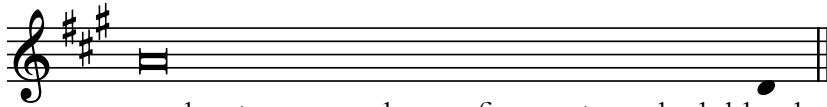
is the person who offers a sacrifice from the property of the poor.



The bread of the needy is the life of the poor; whoever deprives them of it is a mur - der - er.



To take away a neighbor's living is to commit mur - der;



to deprive an employee of wages is to shed blood.



The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**