

**A Reading from the Book of Job**

[Job 19:1, 23-27a]

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him:

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

*All respond:* Thanks be to God.