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| Isaiah 26: 7-19Selection A8 | **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah****The way of the just is smooth;** **the path of the just you make level.****The course of your judgments, LORD, we await;** **your name and your memory**  **are the desire of our souls.****My soul yearns for you at night,** **yes, my spirit within me seeks you at dawn;** **when your judgment comes upon the earth,** **the world’s inhabitants learn justice.****The wicked, when spared, do not learn justice;** **in an upright land they act perversely,** **and do not see the majesty of the LORD.****LORD, your hand is raised high,** **but they do not perceive it;** **let them be put to shame**  **when they see your zeal for your people:** **let the fire prepared for your enemies consume them.****LORD, you will decree peace for us,** **for you have accomplished all we have done.****LORD, our God, lords other than you have ruled us;** **only because of you can we call upon your name.*****Continued on the Next Page*****Dead they are, they cannot live,** **shades that cannot rise;** **indeed, you have punished and destroyed them,** **and wiped out all memory of them.****You have increased the nation, LORD,** **you have increased the nation,**  **have added to your glory,** **you have extended far all the boundaries of the land.****LORD, oppressed by your punishment,** **we cried out in anguish under your discipline.****As a woman about to give birth** **writhes and cries out in pain,** **so were we before you, LORD.****We conceived and writhed in pain,** **giving birth only to wind;** **salvation we have not achieved for the earth,** **no inhabitants for the world were born.****But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise!****Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust!****For your dew is a dew of light,** **and you cause the land of shades to give birth.****The Word of the Lord** |