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| Romans 8: 14-23Selection B6 | **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans****Brothers and Sisters:****Those who are led by the Spirit of God**  **are children of God.** **For you did not receive a spirit of slavery**  **to fall back into fear,**  **but you received a spirit of adoption,**  **through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”** **The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit**  **that we are children of God, and if children,**  **then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,**  **if only we suffer with him**  **so that we may also be glorified with him.** **I consider that the sufferings of this present time**  **are as nothing compared with the glory**  **to be revealed for us.****For creation awaits with eager expectation**  **the revelation of the children of God;**  **for creation was made subject to futility,**  **not of its own accord**  **but because of the one who subjected it,** ***Continued on the Next Page*** **in hope that creation itself would be set free**  **from slavery to corruption and share in**  **the glorious freedom of the children of God.** **We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains** **even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves,**  **who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,**  **we also groan within ourselves**  **as we wait for adoption,**  **the redemption of our bodies.****The Word of the Lord** |