Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings	*Psalm 98:1-4* *Proverbs 25:1-28* *Colossians 3:1-11*
Today's Scripture Verse:	*Like vinegar on a wound is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. (Proverbs 25:20)*
What it means:	Proverbs 25 is a long list of proverbial sayings. Some of them ring true. Others sound like questionable advice. This particular saying seems important to me, because it identifies a mistake commonly made by religious people who want to be helpful. The reason not to "sing songs to a heavy heart" is because doing so conveys to someone who is hurting a lack of empathy for what they are going through. Better to enter first into their sorrow and pain, and by sharing it with them, help them to know that they are not alone.
Reflection:	May our intention to comfort others begin always with listening, God.