

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

26 July 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 3:7-12

A reading from the first book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

And Solomon said,

"You have shown great and steadfast love
to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness,
in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you;
and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love,
and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

"And now, O Lord my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child;

I do not know how to go out or come in.

And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people,
so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind
to govern your people,

able to discern between good and evil;
for who can govern this, your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

God said to him,

"Because you have asked this,
and have not asked for yourself long life or riches,
or for the life of your enemies,
but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
I now do according to your word.

Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind;
no one like you has been before you

and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. ***R.***

Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight. ***R.***

Truly I love your commandments more than gold,
more than fine gold.
Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts:
I hate every false way. ***R.***

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple. ***R.***

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
For those whom God foreknew
he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

And those whom God predestined he also called;

and those whom he called he also justified;
and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which someone found and hid;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
in search of fine pearls;
on finding one pearl of great value,
he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net
that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down,
and put the good into baskets
but threw out the bad.

"So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out
and separate the evil from the righteous
and throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he said to them,

"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven

is like the master of a household
who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.