

109 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3.5-12++

You have asked for an understanding mind.

A reading from the first book of Kings.

- 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, "Ask what I should give you."
- 6 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.
- 7 "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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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?"
- 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
- 11 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,
- 12 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119.57+72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (R.97)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

- 57 The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
- 72 The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. R.
- 76 Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.
- 77 Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight. R.
- 127 Truly I love your commandments more than gold,
more than fine gold.
- 128 Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts;
I hate every false way. R.
- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.28-30

God predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 28 We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
- 29 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.
- 30 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 11.25

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.44-52

Anyone who finds a treasure in a field, sells all and buys that field.

The shorter reading (44-48) ends at the asterisk.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

44 “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.

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

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

49 “So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come out
and separate the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all this?”
They answered, “Yes.”

52 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.