

Readings at Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

ENTRANCE HYMN *New English Hymnal* 339

FIRST READING I KINGS 3.5-6A, 7-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

In those days: *The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or to come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern for your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119(118). 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; R. V. 97A

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. **R.**

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **R.**

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING ROMANS 8.28-30

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: We know that, for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew, he also destined 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 he 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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth: / you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **R.**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 13.44-52

At that time: *Jesus said to the crowd, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. 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, who, on finding one pearl of great value, 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 gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers, but threw away 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 fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all these things?' *They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore, every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'*

OFFERTORY HYMN *New English Hymnal* 499

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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