

17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 25-26, 2020

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

***Refrain: The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of creation joins us in praise; lifting our voices, lifting our hearts to the glory of God forever!***

1. God of power and might, come into our presence this day. Strengthen us now with a spirit of faith; we gather in your name.

2. God of mercy and truth, who brings us from night into day, nourish our lives with a spirit of hope and shield us from all fear.

**Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the most-high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit. in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

**Reading 1 [1 KGS 3:5, 7-12](#)**

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R.**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R.**

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. **R.**

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **R.**

**Reading 2 [ROM 8:28-30](#)**

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Gospel [MT 13:44-52](#) OR [13:44-46](#)**

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."