



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING: *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*

*This is a reading from the first book of Kings.*

One night, as King Solomon was sleeping,  
God appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Ask me for whatever you want.”

Solomon answered,

“Dear God, you made me King  
when my father, David, died.  
I am only a child,  
and I don’t know how to lead your chosen people.  
There are so many of them,  
they can hardly be counted!  
Please give me the gift of wisdom  
so that I will know what is good and what is evil.  
Then I will be a good King.”

God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom. So God said,

“You did not ask to live a long life or to be rich,  
and you did not ask me to destroy your enemies.  
Instead, you have asked for the wisdom you need  
to know what is good and bad.  
Because you have not asked for things for yourself,  
I will give you the wisdom you asked for.  
You will be wiser than anyone who ever lived before you,  
and anyone who will ever live after you.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalms 90*

Fill us with your gift of love. Help us find our joy in you.

Verses:

1. God, our God everlasting, give us wisdom to know your ways.
2. God, our God everlasting, bless the work that we do today.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. "The reign of God is near."

(All:) Alleluia. "The reign of God is near."

"When you find a treasure hidden in the ground, you'll be so happy."

(All:) "So happy."

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GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:44-46*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*

One day Jesus told the people these two parables.

"The reign of God is like a treasure buried in a field.  
When someone finds it, they are so happy  
that they go home and sell everything they have  
and come back and buy the whole field.

"And here is another example  
of what the reign of God is like.  
Suppose someone is searching for fine pearls.  
When they find one  
that is more valuable than all the others,  
they will sell everything they have  
in order to buy that special pearl."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*