

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.*

1. God's people dance for joy,  
oh come before the Lord  
and play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep,  
your Saviour now has come,  
and he has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.



## 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.  
Lord Jesus Christ, 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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings 3:5. 7-12  
*You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R] v. 97

### R. Lord how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
8:28-30

*God intended us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
13:44-52

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

\*Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for a fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.\*

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket

and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

\*The Gospel of the Lord.\*

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

(All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



### OFFERTORY HYMN

Take and receive O Lord my liberty  
Take all my will, my mind, my memory  
Do Thou direct, and govern all and sway  
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.

*Only thy grace and love on me bestow  
Possessing these all riches I forego.* } 2

All things I hold, and all I own are thine  
Thine was the gift, to thee I all resign  
Do Thou direct and govern all and sway  
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey

### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. This day God gives me, strength of high heaven  
Sun and Moon shining, flame in my hearth  
Flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me strength as my steersman,  
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
All that would harm me, stand by me still.
4. Rising I thank you, Mighty and Strong One  
King of creation, Giver of rest.  
Firmly confessing Threeness of Persons  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

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1. O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
thou dost my very God conceal;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
with thine own self in form of bread
2. O food of life, thou who dost give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.
3. My dearest God! Who dost so bind  
My heart with countless claims to Thee!  
O Sweetest love, my soul shall find  
In Thy dear bonds true liberty.  
Thyself Thou hast bestowed on me;  
Thine, Thine for ever I will be.
4. Beloved Lord, in Heaven above  
There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me,  
To gaze on Thee with endless love;  
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can He deny me Heaven,  
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.*

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.