



# Lectionary

## FIRST READING

### 1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” 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. 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. 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. 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?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 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, 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.

**Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.**

**People: Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 119:129-136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my  
heart.

130 When your word goes forth it  
gives light; \*

it gives understanding to the sim-

ple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who  
love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your

word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion  
over me.  
134 Rescue me from those who  
oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your command-  
ments.

135 Let your countenance shine  
upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
136 My eyes shed streams of  
tears, \*  
because people do not keep  
your law.

## SECOND READING

### ROMANS 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn:** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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**Priest:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mat-**  
**thew.***

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**



## GOSPEL

### **MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52**

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. 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. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he 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 caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out 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 furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 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."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Prayers of the People

*After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together*

Please respond to each of these prayers with the phrase: **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially for the Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania;

We Pray... **Christ hear us!**

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially the parish of St. Christopher's in Sun City;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our nation, asking God's protection and inspiration for all affected by the Lodge-Pole Complex fire in eastern Montana;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our world, may God bless and inspire world leaders toward an easing of tensions on the Korean Peninsula;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, asking God to inspire us all with flash flood awareness and safety;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**