

Reading 1, *First Kings 3:4-13*

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to **sacrifice** there, since that was the principal high place -- **Solomon** presented a thousand burnt **offerings** on that altar.

⁵ At Gibeon **Yahweh** appeared to **Solomon** in a dream during the night. **God** said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.'

⁶ Solomon replied, 'You showed most faithful love to your servant David, my father, when he lived his **life** before you in faithfulness and uprightness and integrity of heart; you have continued this most faithful love to him by allowing a son of his to sit on his throne today.

⁷ Now, **Yahweh** my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership.

⁸ And here is your servant, surrounded with your people whom you have chosen, a people so numerous that its number cannot be counted or reckoned.

⁹ So give your servant a heart to understand how to govern your people, how to discern between **good** and evil, for how could one otherwise govern such a great people as yours?'

¹⁰ It pleased **Yahweh** that **Solomon** should have asked for this.

¹¹ 'Since you have asked for this,' **God** 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,

¹² here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as no one has had before and no one **will** have after you.

¹³ What you have not asked I shall give you too: such riches and **glory** as no other king can match.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*

⁹ How can a young **man** keep his way spotless? By keeping your words.

¹⁰ With all my heart I seek you, do not let me stray from your commandments.

¹¹ In my heart I treasure your promises, to avoid sinning against you.

¹² Blessed are you, Yahweh, teach me your will!

¹³ With my lips I have repeated all the judgements you have given.

¹⁴ In the way of your instructions lies my joy, a joy beyond all wealth.

Gospel, *Mark 6:30-34*

³⁰ The **apostles** rejoined **Jesus** and told him all they had done and taught.

³¹ And he said to them, 'Come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that there was no **time** for them even to eat.

³² So they went off in the boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves.

³³ But people saw them going, and many recognised them; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.

³⁴ So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.