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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LOW MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am

**Sunday
Eucharist**

July 26th, 2026

8th Sunday after Trinity



8:30 am Low Mass

10:30 am Sung Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first book of 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 towards 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.'

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

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.

Lord, I love your commands

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.

Lord, I love your commands

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

Lord, I love your commands

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

Lord, I love your commands

A reading from the letter to the 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.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia **All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Blessed are you father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom
All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Matthew (13.31–33, 44–52)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers a series of brief parables that reveal the surprising nature of God’s kingdom. It often begins in ways that seem small and hidden, like a mustard seed or yeast mixed into flour. Yet God delights in bringing extraordinary things from humble beginnings. Jesus also compares the kingdom to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great value. When we truly recognise Christ, everything else finds its proper place. Following him is not a burden but a joyful exchange, giving up what cannot last in order to receive what is eternal. Finally, the kingdom gathers people from every walk of life, and God alone will bring history to its fulfilment. Today we are invited to treasure Christ above all else and trust the quiet work of his grace.

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