

July 23, 2017

A reading from 1 Kings

All Services

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give 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?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God 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, ¹²I 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."

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 119

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

L: ¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

C: ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

L: ¹³¹With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

C: ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.

L: ¹³³Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

C: ¹³⁴Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

L: ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

C: ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.