

I give you a heart wise and shrewd.

A reading from the first book of Kings

3:11-14

The LORD said to Solomon:

“I will answer your prayer.

You will be wise and know more than anyone who has ever lived
or ever will live.

You didn’t ask to live a long time or to be rich,
and you didn’t ask for your enemies to be destroyed.

All you wanted was to be honest and fair.

“But I will give you more than you have asked for.

I will make you rich and respected.

You will be the most famous king of your time.

And if you obey me and keep all my laws and commands,
as your father David did,

I will give you a long life.”

The word of the Lord.

1

Unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

4:1-7

Brothers and sisters:

As a prisoner of the Lord,

I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people
God has chosen to be his own.

Always be humble and gentle.

Patiently put up with each other and love each other.

Try your best to let God’s Spirit keep your hearts united.

Do this by living at peace.

All of you are part of the same body.

There is only one Spirit of God,

just as you were given one hope

when you were chosen to be God’s people.

We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
There is one God who is the Father of all people.
Not only is God above all others,
but he works by using all of us,
and he lives in all of us.

Christ has generously divided out his gifts to us.

The word of the Lord.

2

God chose some of us so that his people would learn to serve
and his body grow strong.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

4:11-13

Brothers and sisters:

Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets,
missionaries, pastors, and teachers,
so that his people would learn to serve
and his body would grow strong.

This will continue until we are united by our faith
and by our understanding of the Son of God.

Then we will be mature, just as Christ is,
and we will be completely like him.

The word of the Lord.

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Psalm 19:7, 8

R. (John 6:63c) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The Law of the LORD is perfect;
it gives us new life.
His teachings last forever,
and they give wisdom
to ordinary people.

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The LORD's instruction is right;
it makes our hearts glad.
His commands shine brightly,
and they give us light.

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

