Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111 • Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14 • Ephesians 5:15-20 • John 6:51-58
And Solomon said ... Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil;

1 Kings 3:6a, 9a
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom ...

Psalm 111:10a
Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

Proverbs 9:1
O fear the LORD, you his holy ones ...
Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalm 34:9a, 14
A GIFT IS NOT TRULY A GIFT IF SOMETHING IS EXPECTED IN RETURN, UNLESS OF COURSE THE GIFT IS PEACE.
... be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves ... making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:18b, 19
Village Choir  --  Thomas Webster, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

John 6:52
Christ Accused by the Pharisees -- Duccio, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena, Italy
So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

John 6:53
Welcome -- United Church of Christ
for my flesh is true food ...

John 6:55
Chinese Orthodox Communion Bread Stamp -- Church of Apostles, Hong Kong China
and my blood is true drink.

John 6:55
Chalice

Francis Toms
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

John 6:56
Last Supper, detail of Christ

JESUS MAFA
This is the bread that came down from heaven ... the one who eats this bread will live forever."

John 6:58
Angel with the Eternal Gospel -- 13th c. Manuscript, Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA