

**ALL SAINTS DAY (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent) — Sunday 5th November 2023**  
**COLLECT, READINGS AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect in one  
communion and fellowship in the mystical body  
of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in  
all virtuous and godly living that we may come  
to those inexpressible joys that you have  
prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is  
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: Revelation 7:9-end**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great  
multitude that no one could count, from every  
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,  
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.  
<sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, *'Salvation  
belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!'*

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and  
around the elders and the four living creatures,  
and they fell on their faces before the throne and  
worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,  
*'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour and power and  
might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,  
'Who are these, robed in white, and where have  
they come from?' <sup>14</sup> I said to him, 'Sir, you are the  
one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are  
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they  
have washed their robes and made them white in  
the blood of the Lamb.'

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of  
God, and worship him day and night within his  
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne  
will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching  
heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the centre of the throne

will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to  
springs of the water of life, and God will wipe  
away every tear from their eyes.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that  
we should be called children of God; and that  
is what we are. The reason the world does not  
know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved,  
we are God's children now; what we will be  
has not yet been revealed. What we do know  
is this: when he is revealed, we will be like  
him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who  
have this hope in him purify themselves, just  
as he is pure.

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

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**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all  
good things: may we who have shared at this  
table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be  
welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly  
feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.