

ALL SAINTS DAY (4th 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.

1st READING: Revelation 7:9-end

⁹ 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.
¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, *'Salvation
belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!'*

¹¹ 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, ¹²singing,
*'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour and power and
might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
'Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?' ¹⁴ 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.'

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching
heat; ¹⁷ 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.'

2nd READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.