

Readings and Collect for Sunday 1st November
All Saints

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.

Revelation 7:9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice,
saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne, and to the Lamb!'
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,
singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are
these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?' 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.
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.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
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.'

Psalms 34:1-10

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ◆
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ◆
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ◆
let us exalt his name together.

- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ◆
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant ◆
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ◆
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who
fear him ◆
and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ◆
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ◆
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ◆
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

1 John 3:1-3

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. 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. And all who have this hope
in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

See what love the Father has given us, that we When
Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he
began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute
you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.