Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Midweek 4th November 2026
All Saints

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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. **Amen.**

First reading: Philippians 2:12-18

A reading from Pauls letter to the Philippians.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—
and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Psalm 27:1-5

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? • The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, • they stumbled and fell.
3. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, • and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
4. One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone-seek: • that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
5.To behold the fair beauty of the Lord • and to seek his will in his temple.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

