Collect Prayer All Saints' Day – 1 November 2026

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.

FIRST READING Revelation 7.9–17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.'

PSALM 34.1–10

1 I will bless the ˈ Lord conˈtinually:
his praise shall be ˈ always ˈ in my ˈ mouth.

2 Let my soul ˈ boast · of the ˈ Lord:
the humble shall ˈ hear it ˈ and reˈjoice.

3 O praise the ˈ Lord with ˈ me:
let us exˈalt his ˈ name toˈgether.

4 For I sought the Lord's ˈ help · and he ˈ answered:
and he ˈ freed me · from ˈ all my ˈ fears.

5 Look towards him and be ˈ bright with ˈ joy:
your ˈ faces · shall ˈ not · be aˈshamed.

6 Here is a wretch who cried and the ˈ Lord ˈ heard him:
and ˈ saved him · from ˈ all his ˈ troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps round ˈ those who ˈ fear him:
and deˈlivers · them ˈ in their ˈ need.

8 O taste and see that the ˈ Lord is ˈ good:
happy the ˈ man who ˈ hides in ˈ him!

9 Fear the Lord all ˈ you his ˈ holy ones:
for those who ˈ fear him ˈ never ˈ lack.

10 Lions may suffer ˈ want · and go ˈ hungry:
but those who seek the ˈ Lord lack ˈ nothing ˈ good.

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1–3

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.'

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.