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All Saints' Day

First Reading

Revelation 7.9–end

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.'

Second Reading

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.

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Gospel

Matthew 5.1–12

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.'