

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

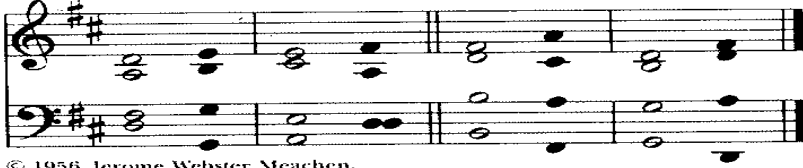
A Reading from Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-44

Now allow us to praise famous people and our ancestors, generation by generation. The Lord created great glory, his majesty from eternity. They ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name with their power, some giving counsel by their intelligence; some making pronouncements in prophecies; some leading the people by their deliberations, and by their understanding of the people's learning, giving wise words in their instruction; others devising musical melodies, and composing poems; rich people endowed with strength, living in peace in their dwellings—all of these were honored in their generation, a source of pride in their time. Some of them left behind a name so that their praises might be told. For some there is no memory, and they perished as though they hadn't existed. These have become as though they hadn't been born, they and even their children after them. But these were compassionate people whose righteous deeds haven't been forgotten.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

Psalm 149

The Psalm will be chanted.



- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new **song**; *
let the congregation of saints **praise him**.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made **him**, *
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their **King**.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the **dance**: *
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and **harp**.
- 4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his **people**, *
and helpeth the meek-**hearted**.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful with **glory**; *
let them rejoice in their **beds**.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their **mouth**; *
and a two-edged sword in their **hands**;
- 7 To be avenged of the **nations**, *
and to rebuke the **peoples**;
- 8 To bind their kings in **chains**, *
and their nobles with links of **iron**;
- 9 To execute judgment upon them; as it is **written**, *
Such honor have all his **saints**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

A Reading from Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 5:1-12

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Proper Preface

All Saints

For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.

For in the multitude of your Saints, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.