

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.