Readings for All Saints Day – 1st November 2026.

Sentence

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is

the kingdom of heaven.

Collect

We praise you, heavenly Father,

that you have knit together your chosen ones

in one communion and fellowship

in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:

give us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

you have prepared for those who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 34; 1-10, 22

Our psalm today comes from Psalm 34, I will read the first part of the verse, and I invite you to respond with the next part

1 I will bless the Lord continually:

his praise shall be always in my mouth.

2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:

the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

3 O praise the Lord with me:

let us exalt his name together.

4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:

and he freed me from all my fears.

5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:

your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:

and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:

and delivers them in their need.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:

happy are they that hide in him!

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:

for those who fear him never lack.

10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry:

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:

and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

1 John 3: 1-3

Our second reading is taken from the first Letter of John, Chapter 3,

beginning at verse 1

1See 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. 2 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. 3 And all who have this hope in

him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5: 1-12

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 5,

beginning at verse 1, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.