

**Readings for All Saints Day**  
**Being Celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

**Sentence**

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7.10

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:  
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,  
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints  
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## 1st Reading – Isaiah 25.6-9

Our first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah,  
Chapter 25 beginning at verse 6.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 24

Our Psalm today comes from Psalm 24. I will read one verse, and I invite you to respond with the next verse,

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:  
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup> **For he has founded it upon the seas:  
and established it upon the waters.**
- <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:  
or who shall stand in his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:  
who have not set their soul upon idols,  
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**
- <sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing from the Lord:  
and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> **Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:  
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>8</sup> **Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>10</sup> **Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## 2nd Reading – Revelation 21.1-6a

Our second reading is taken from Revelation, Chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel – John 11.32-44**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 11, beginning at verse 32. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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