

**Today's Readings**  
**5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2023**  
**All Saints Sunday**

**THE COLLECT**

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in  
every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of  
your saints,  
inspire us to follow their  
example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**FIRST READING**

**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. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in  
a loud voice, saying,  
'Salvation belongs to our  
God who is seated on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!'  
<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> singing,  
'Amen! Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and  
thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might be to  
our God for ever and ever!  
Amen.' <sup>13</sup> Then one of the  
elders addressed me,  
saying, 'Who are these,  
robed in white, and where  
have they come from?' <sup>14</sup> 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.  
<sup>15</sup> 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.  
<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no  
more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And  
all who have this hope in  
him purify themselves, just  
as he is pure.

**THE 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. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to  
speak, and taught them,

saying: <sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the  
poor in spirit, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who  
mourn, for they will be  
comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the  
earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will  
be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in  
heart, for they will see God.

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

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

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

the prophets who were  
before you.

**PSALM 34.1-10**

I will bless the LORD at all  
times; his praise shall  
continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast  
in the LORD; let the humble  
hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> O  
magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name  
together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the  
LORD, and he answered  
me, and delivered me from  
all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Look to him,  
and be radiant; so your  
faces shall never be  
ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor soul  
cried, and was heard by the  
LORD, and was saved from  
every trouble. <sup>7</sup> The angel  
of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him,  
and delivers them. <sup>8</sup> O  
taste and see that the LORD  
is good; happy are those  
who take refuge in him. <sup>9</sup> O  
fear the LORD, you his holy  
ones, for those who fear  
him have no want. <sup>10</sup> The  
young lions suffer want and  
hunger, but those who seek  
the LORD lack no good  
thing.