

November 5, 2023

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All Saints Sunday

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. 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.’

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. 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.

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. 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.

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“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

All Saints Sunday

Today, we remember the saints who have left their earthly pilgrimage and now rest from their labours. Together with all the saints, we await the full joy of life eternal through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 — Tune: 494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Let the humble seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Let the troubled seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.
Let the faithful seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies; seek peace with all your heart.
Let the truthful seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
Let the grieving seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from them

all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
I will bless the Lord at all times, | **Lifting up to God my voice.**
Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Let God's servants seek his favor | **Ever thankful hearts rejoice.**
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All Saints Sunday
We remember with joy and thanksgiving our brothers and sisters of this congregation who have died in the faith and gone on to eternal rest since the last All Saints Sunday Festival.

We light candles in their honour.

- † **Lois Carter** – November 26, 2022
- † **Judy Baky** – April 15, 2023
- † **Daniel Rominger** – July 25, 2023

We also remember other friends and family members who have died this past year:

- † **Paul Berner** – August 8, 2023
- † **Ian Rounthwaite** – October 19, 2023

Offering Prayer (read in unison) From Sundays & Seasons, © 2022 Augsburg Fortress
God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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