



ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS transferred

6 November 2016

Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.22-23*

Collect

Holy God, giver of blessing to hungry and hated, overturner of ordered tables of friendship and enmity: teach us a new way of being beyond reward, beyond revenge; that we do to others as we would have them do to us; through Jesus Christ who prays for all who crucify him. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Daniel

Daniel is a prophet living in exile in Babylon after the destruction of Jerusalem. The book was written to offer hope to a persecuted people and is couched in symbols open to various interpretations. Here Daniel's vision is of those faithful to God finally being vindicated.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.' *Dan. 7.1-3, 15-18*

Reader Hear the word of the Lord
ALL Thanks be to God

Psalm 149 APBA 379

This, the penultimate song in the book of psalms, is in praise of God's deliverance of the lowly.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Ephesus was an important city on the west coast of Asia Minor, which Paul had visited. In this wonderful passage Paul sets Jesus, risen Christ in God's purposes to renew the whole creation through the Church. Some of the verses are set as a canticle for Tuesday morning prayer (on page 396 of the green prayer book).

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things

under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.11-23

Reader May your word live in us
ALL and bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia!
You are no longer strangers and aliens
but citizens with the saints in the household of God.

ALL Alleluia!
Reader The Lord be with you
ALL And also with you
Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke sets this teaching (often called the 'sermon on the mount' because of its location in Matthew's gospel) 'on a level place'. Jesus has just chosen the twelve, come down from the mountain, and now sits and teaches the great crowd that gathers what following him will involve. Jesus' words bring hope to those who suffer on his account and urge us all to respond without violence in every circumstance of hostility.

All Souls

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you* on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that
day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is
what their ancestors did to the prophets.
'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe

to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6.20-31

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father, whose will it is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ: may all the peoples of the world now divided and torn apart by sin, be brought together under his sovereign rule of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY 13 November 2016 26 Pentecost

Malachi 4.1-2a; Ps 98 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Frederick Moss, Robert Loyer, *Priest*, Mavis Jane Cook, Megan Proctor, Isabel Gray, Charles Sexton, Priest, Lilian MacKenzie, George Terrell (Sam) Crowl, Norma Djismoen, Elizabeth (Beth) Knight, Moen Djismoen, John Terrell Goodall, James Morison, Ruby Cooke, Dora Hills, Margaret Tenison Philip & Margaret (Peg) Nelson *whose anniversaries occur this week and* for Eileen Phyllis Long *who died this past week.*

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE WEEK.

November 16 Margaret of Scotland, Queen (1046-1093).

Intelligent, beautiful and devout, she founded or revived many monasteries and was noted for her compassion for the poor.

November 17 Hilda (614-680), abbess of Whitby, which she founded or re-founded. She was especially interested in education, founding libraries, stimulating education of clerics and fostering poetry.

November 17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln (1140-1200).

Renowned, even in his lifetime, for holiness and devotion.

He was a firm defender of ordinary people against royalty and the aristocracy and the proper use of public money.

November 19 Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231). Queen.

Her young husband died of the plague and she, herself, died at the age of 24. Noted for her work for the sick, the poor and the elderly and for her love of poetry.

