

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

4 November 2018

Sentence 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

Holy God, whose people are knit together in one Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

This is a description of a banquet to be held by God's anointed one, the messiah, and is a common image in early Jewish and Christian writings. The image is one in which death itself is swallowed up, in contrast to death's power to swallow life. In this image, hope and trust in God will be vindicated and God's abundant love will be experienced in its fullness when all tears are wiped away.

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.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
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.
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.

Isaiah 25.6-9

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 24 APBA page 244

This psalm is of a liturgical type, not an expression of personal faith like many of the psalms. It was probably used in early days to accompany a procession of the ark to the temple. Two choirs sing antiphonally. One asks, 'Who is worthy to ascend the hill of the Lord?' and the other replies, 'Those who truly seek God.'

Reading from the book of Revelation

This image is of the renewal of creation, freed from imperfection and transformed by God. Notice how it echoes Isaiah's imagery of the completion of creation. It is an image of God living among us, at home with us since God dwells within the humanity we share with Jesus Christ. Originally written for persecuted Christians the images in this passage bring comfort and hope today.

I, John, 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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;
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.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all

Commemorations of the week

November 8 – *Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion.*

November 10 - *Leo of Rome (d. 461), one of the great Popes of the early church (he is styled 'Leo the Great'). He was an eminent teacher and his 'Tome' greatly influenced the Council of Chalcedon, which laid the basis for our Nicene Creed.*

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

Holy God, holy and immortal,
whatever we reckon holy comes from you.
Yours is the holiness of those who are called saints,
yours the holiness of Mary, Mother of Our Lord,
yours the holiness of martyrs and missionaries,
yours the holiness of George who transcended fear to face the fiery dragon,
yours the holiness of Martin who shared all he had with a beggar.
Your is the holiness of faithful men and women, seekers after justice and compassionate companions of the downcast,
yours is the holiness of everyday saints,
yours the holiness of the founders and benefactors of this parish, as of Holy Advent Armadale;
of the clergy and laity who have preceded us here and throughout the ages,
and of all those we have known and loved whose lives continue to inspire us.
May all the holy saints pray for us and pray with us as we remember them.
Their lives show us how ours may be shaped in the pattern of Christ.
May your Holy Spirit call us to follow the way of holy wisdom,
that we too may be counted among the company of heaven
and ever praise your Holy name. **Amen.**

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 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.'

John 11.32-44

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Bible Readings next week

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 11 November 2018

1 Kings 17.8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9.23-28 Mark 12.38-44

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.**

Pray for the Faithful Departed We remember before God: Iris Ingham, Daphne Howard, Frederick Moss, Robert Loyer - Priest, Mavis Jane Cook, Betty Coles, Megan Proctor, Isabel Gray, Charles Sexton - Priest, Lilian MacKenzie, George Terrell (Sam) Crowl, Norma Djismoen, Elizabeth (Beth) Knight, Meon Djismoen, John Terrell Goodall and James Morison *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

Revelation 21.1-6a

Reader May your word live in us.

ALL And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor The dead man Lazarus came out and Jesus said, 'Unbind him and let him go.'

ALL Alleluia!

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The raising of Lazarus is the last sign of the seven signs in John's gospel that demonstrate Jesus' power to act as God acts. Here Jesus raises a dead man, his friend for whom he weeps, and God's glorious power over death is made known. Ironically, it is this revelation of Jesus as giver of life that causes his enemies to plot his death with strategic vengeance.

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.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'