

# NOVEMBER 3, 2018

## EVE OF ALL SAINTS

THE FIRST READING

*Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14*

Let us now sing the praises of famous men [and women],  
our ancestors in their generations.  
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,  
his majesty from the beginning.  
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,  
and made a name for themselves by their valor;  
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;  
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;  
those who led the people by their counsels  
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;  
they were wise in their words of instruction;  
those who composed musical tunes,  
or put verses in writing;  
rich men endowed with resources,  
living peacefully in their homes—  
all these were honored in their generations,  
and were the pride of their times.  
Some of them have left behind a name,  
so that others declare their praise.  
But of others there is no memory;  
they have perished as though they had never existed;  
they have become as though they had never been born,  
they and their children after them.  
But these also were godly men,  
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;  
Their offspring will continue for ever,  
and their glory will never be blotted out.  
Their bodies are buried in peace,  
but their name lives on generation after generation.

## COLLECT

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE SECOND READING

*Revelation 22:1-5*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## COLLECT

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# NOVEMBER 4, 2018

## PROPER 26B – ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Wisdom 3:1-9*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

PSALM 24 (*St. Helna Psalter*)

*Domini est terra*

- 1 The earth is God's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is God who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Most High,  
and who can stand in God's holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood nor sworn by what is a  
fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek God,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this who reigns in glory?"  
"The Holy One, strong and mighty, the Holy One, mighty in battle,"
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is this who reigns in glory?"  
"This is God, the God of hosts, who reigns in glory."

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Revelation 21:1-6a*

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. 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 as their God;  
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 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."

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 11:32-44*

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?"

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 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 upward 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."

