

Christ Church East Norwalk, Connecticut



Readings for 1st November 2020

All Saints' Day

1 For all the Saints who from their labours rest, Who thee by faith before the world confest. Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluya! Alleluya!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluya! Alleluya!

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. *Amen*.

A Reading from Revelation Chapter 7 beginning at the 9th Verse

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of

God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:1-10,22

Benedicam Dominum

Reader: Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *

happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *

for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing the

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading from the First Epistle of St. John Chapter 3 beginning at the 1st Verse

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall

be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

1 Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God, The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode. 4 Lord, we thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for thee.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

℣. The Lord be with you

R. And also with you

V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Ry. Glory to you, Lord Christ

JESUS seeing the crowds, went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. Reader:

V. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Christ

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa

The Most Revd Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - their Primate

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston Clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program

Parochial Intercessions

For those in need of our prayers DRAKE, TYLER, SKYLER, MARK, Cindy, Erica, Jamie, Anita, Angela, Betty, George, Cathy, Shannon, Ron, John

For the departed

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti! Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

O, how glorious is the kingdom, in which all the saints rejoice with Christ! Arrayed in white robes, they follow the Lamb, wherever He goes.

1 Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home, lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise: sweet Sacrament divine.

2 Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart, where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart; there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery: sweet Sacrament of peace.

4 Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may fade away: sweet Sacrament divine.