

Feast of All Saints A

1 November 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw an angel
ascending from the rising of the sun,
having the seal of the living God,
and he called with a loud voice to the four angels
who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying,
"Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees,
until we have marked the servants of our God
with a seal on their foreheads."

And I heard the number of those who were sealed,
one hundred forty-four thousand,
sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

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,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne,
around the elders and the four living creatures;
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 forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me,
"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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6

R. O God, this is the people that longs to see your face.

All the earth is yours, O God,
the world and those who dwell on it.
You have founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers **R.**

Who can ascend your mountain, O God?
Or who may stand in his holy place?
Those whose hands are sinless, heart are clean,
and desire not the vanity of earth. **R.**

They shall receive your blessing, God,
their Saviour shall reward them.
Such is the face that seeks for you,
That seeks your face, O God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

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 God purify themselves,
just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.