

Readings + All Saints Sunday, year C + November 2, 2025

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ 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:

² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to inquire concerning the truth of all this. So the attendant agreed to disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the dominion and possess the dominion forever – forever and ever.”

Psalmody Psalm 149

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

Let them praise their maker’s name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God’s faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

Paul writes: ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to divine counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God’s glory. ¹³ In Christ 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; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of God’s glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ 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 God, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe, according to the working of God’s great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and might and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Holy Gospel Luke 6:20-31

In Luke, this teaching takes place on a “plain,” in Matthew 5 it is “on the mountain.” They are quite different. Luke only has three in common with Matthew, v. 20b, v. 21, and vv. 22-23, but in Luke it is simply the poor and the hungry, not, as in Matthew, the “poor in spirit” and those who hunger “for righteousness.” Then Luke has the series of parallel woes, which Matthew does not include.

²⁰ Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“You who are poor are blessed,
for the reign of God is yours.

²¹ “You who are hungry now are blessed,
for you will be filled.

“You who weep now are blessed,
for you will laugh.

“You are blessed when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son-of-Humanity.

²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely

your reward is great in heaven; for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you; and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”