Readings + All Saints' Day, year A + 1 November 2026

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 Revelation 7:9-17

9 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. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

11 And all the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me,
saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him,
"Sir, you are the one that knows." Then the elder
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.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship God day and night within the
temple,
and the One who is seated on the throne will
shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will
be their shepherd,
and will guide them to springs of the water of
life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

Psalmody Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of
God shall ever be in my mouth.
**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear
and rejoice.**
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let
us exalt God's name together.
**I sought the LORD, who answered me and
delivered me from all my terrors.**
Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not
your faces be ashamed.
**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard
me and saved me from all my troubles.**
The angel of the LORD encamps around those
who fear the LORD and delivers them.
**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy
are they who take refuge in God!**
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those
who fear the LORD lack nothing.
**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but
those who seek the LORD lack nothing that
is good.**
O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be
punished.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

The elder writes:

1 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 God. 2 Beloved, we are
God's children now; what we will be has not yet
been revealed. What we do know is this: when
Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we
will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope
in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew and Luke both tell of Jesus giving a series of "blessed are you" sayings, both early in Jesus' ministry. Luke's account includes a series of "woe to you" sayings. Only Matthew has v. 4, those who mourn, v. 5, those who are gentle, and vv. 7-9, those who are merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. Luke includes "those who weep now," not on Matthew's list.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 And Jesus began to speak, and
taught them, saying:
3 "Those who are poor in spirit are blessed,
for theirs is the reign of heaven.
4 "Those who mourn are blessed, for they will
be comforted.
5 "Those who are gentle are blessed, for they
will inherit the earth.
6 "Those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled.
7 "Those who are merciful are blessed, for
they will receive mercy.
8 "Those who are pure in heart are blessed, for
they will see God.
9 "Those who are peacemakers are blessed, for
they will be called children of God.
10 "Those who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness are blessed, for theirs is the reign of
heaven.
11 "You are blessed when people 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 in
the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you."