



All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025



Introduction

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

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

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

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 ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would 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 kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Psalm: Psalm 149

Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- ² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
- ⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory. R
- ⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
- ⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
- ⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,
- ⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him 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 his 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 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 him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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 how their ancestors
treated 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.”