

# All Saints' Day

## INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON follows.*

Lord, have mercy. **℟. Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **℟. Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **℟. Lord, have mercy.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to  
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God  
and Father, we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the  
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you  
are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most  
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your  
elect in one communion and fellowship in the  
mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living that we may  
come to those inexpressible joys that you  
have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who  
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*2 Esd 2.42-48*

A reading from the second book of Esdras.

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude  
that I could not number, and they all were  
praising the Lord with songs. In their midst  
was a young man of great stature, taller than  
any of the others, and on the head of each of  
them he placed a crown, but he was more  
exalted than they. And I was held spellbound.  
Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my  
lord?' He answered and said to me, 'These  
are they who have put off mortal clothing  
and have put on the immortal, and have  
confessed the name of God. Now they are  
being crowned, and receive palms.' Then I  
said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who  
is placing crowns on them and putting palms  
in their hands?' He answered and said to me,  
'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed

in the world! So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 33*

℟. O taste and see that the Lord is good.

*(All repeat)*

Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord:  
it is good to give him thanks and praise.  
For the word of the Lord is true,  
and in all his deeds he is faithful. ℟.

By his word were the heavens made,  
and all the stars by the breath of his mouth.  
He spoke the word and it was done;  
he commanded and it came to pass. ℟.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,  
and his ear is open to their cry,  
to deliver their souls from death,  
and to feed them in the time of dearth. ℟.

We patiently wait on the Lord,  
for he is our help and our shield.  
Let your steadfast love guard and keep us,  
O Lord,  
for our hope is in you. ℟.

SECOND READING

*Heb 12.18–24*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly

of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*1 Pet 2.9*

**Alleluia.** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people: called out of darkness into his marvellous light. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 5.1–12*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others 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, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All stand to recite the* NICENE CREED.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

∩. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ∩. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

∩. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the* PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may sit for the* OFFERTORY. *The priest may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*All stand for the* PRAYER *over the* OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May the gifts, Lord, which we offer in honour of all the saints, be pleasing to you; and as we believe them to be safe in eternal life, may we know their care for our salvation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the* SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but  
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

God, the source of all holiness and giver of  
all good things: may we who have shared at  
this table as strangers and pilgrims here on  
earth be welcomed with all your saints to the  
heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in  
the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the  
riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a  
share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the  
way of holiness and to come to the full ra-  
diance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*

∩. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.**

∩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∩. And the Word was made flesh:

℟. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℟. **That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O  
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to  
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought  
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the  
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**