

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 31st October & Thursday 4th November, 2021
All Saints' Day**

Hymn: NEH 334, All people that on earth do dwell

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Margaret Lodder, Margaret Cassie, Iain Langdon

We also give special prayers for Joan M., Delia, Roddy, Nancy, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young

The Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord:
grant that we may attain,
with all your saints,
the whole measure of the fullness of Christ;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end
Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24: 1-6

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, no torment will ever touch them.

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
2. For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3. 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?'

4. 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
5. They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
6. Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is Revelation 21: 1-6a (being read by Pam Dugan)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is John 11: 32-44

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Hymn NEH 459, The Lord's my shepherd

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

Hymn NEH 197, For all the Saints

The Anthem is *Justorum Animae* by William Byrd.

The text is from Wisdom 3: 1-2a, 3b, and it is the Offertory for the Feast of All Saints.

The translation is,

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
and there shall no torment touch them.*

*In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*