

# READINGS & PRAYERS

ALL SOULS' DAY

## COLLECT

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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.**

## FIRST READING

*Wis 3.1-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

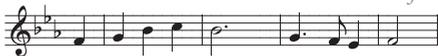
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an evil thing, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his chosen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

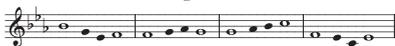
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 27*



**R.** God's love has been poured into our hearts. (*All repeat*)



The Lord is my light and <sup>1</sup> my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold <sup>1</sup> of my life; of whom then shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid? **R.**

When evildoers came upon me <sup>1</sup> to consume me,

it was my foes and my adversaries who stum-<sup>1</sup>bled and fell.

Though an army should en-<sup>1</sup>camp against me,

yet my heart shall not <sup>1</sup> be afraid. **R.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek:

to dwell in the Lord's house all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life;

to behold the fair beauty <sup>1</sup> of the Lord and to seek him <sup>1</sup> in his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see <sup>1</sup> the Lord's goodness in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living.

Be strong and he shall com-<sup>1</sup>fort your heart, and put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the Lord. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Pet 1.3-9*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the

revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 3.16*

*Alleluia.*

God so loved the world that he gave his only

Son:

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

*Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

*Jn 6.37-40*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this eucharist bring all the faithful, living and departed in the Lord, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom we glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look favourably, Lord, on our offerings which we unite with your Son's loving sacrifice, and grant that your departed servants may be taken up into glory with him: who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**