

# Readings + All Saints Sunday, year B + November 3, 2024

## 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 Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged  
wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces,  
and the disgrace of the chosen people God  
will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“See, this is our God for whom we have  
waited, so that God might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of  
the LORD.”

## Psalmody Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the  
world and all who dwell therein.

**For it is the LORD who founded it upon the  
seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the  
deep.**

“Who can ascend the hill of the LORD and who  
can stand in God's holy place?”

**“Those who have clean hands and a pure  
heart, who have not pledged themselves to  
falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.”  
**Such is the generation of those who seek you,  
of those who seek your face, O God of  
Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.

**“Who is this King of glory?” “The LORD,  
strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in  
battle.”**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.

**“Who is this King of glory?” “The LORD of  
hosts is the King of glory.”**

## Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

*John writes:*

<sup>1</sup> Then I 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the  
holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of  
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned  
for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from  
the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
God will dwell with them;  
they will be God's peoples,  
and that very God will be with them and be  
their God;

<sup>4</sup> God 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.”

<sup>5</sup> And the One who was seated on the throne  
said, “See, I am making all things new,” and also  
said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy  
and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then the One seated on the throne  
said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the beginning and the end.

## Holy Gospel John 11:(17, 30-31) 32-44

*Only John tells of the raising of Lazarus. We'll read v. 17 and vv. 30-31 to give context to this Gospel reading.*

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> Those who were with Mary in the house, consoling her, saw her get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

<sup>32</sup> 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." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and those who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.

<sup>36</sup> So some said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But

some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> 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." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you trusted, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may trust that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> 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."