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We celebrate those upon whose shoulders we stand

Introduction

Welcome to those here in person and to those joining us virtually. During this month of November, we celebrate those who have gone before us, our ancestors upon whose shoulders we stand.

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints, All Souls Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, etc. We remember their positive influence on our lives, not only in the past, but in the present.

Because we believe in the Communion of Saints. Those who have died continue to be part of our lives. They can pray with us. We can pray with them.

Chant: In Christ There Is a Table Set for All Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9

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

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if to others, indeed, they seem punished, yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself.

In the time of their judgment - they shall shine and dart about as sparks through stubble;

They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.

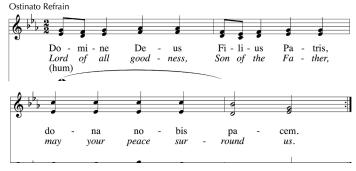
Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

The word of the Lord.



Chant 5x: Lord of all goodness.





Reading 2: A Reflection on the Solemnity of All Saints, adapted from *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays 2023*, Liturgical Training Publications.

We celebrate the saints of our faith, those who lived following Jesus faithfully and serving others. We learn from them how to live as a disciple of Jesus.

Those who strive to be like Christ offer light to a world that often walks in darkness. The Beatitudes are our lampposts lighting the way on our journey to God. They provide guidance and assurance of becoming more Christlike in our attitudes and behavior.

Saints are made out of such substance.

We know that if we confirm ourselves to Christ in this

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



life, we will be fully united with him in the next. Our constant hope is to enjoy eternal life with God in the company of all the saints who have gone before us marked with the seal of the living God. What that will look like, we do not yet know. But when we are with God we will know fully and revel in that intimacy for all eternity.

Silence 5 minutes

Petitions

Response: O Lord hear my prayer

- 1. That countries that have experienced mass deaths may find healing; we pray:
- 2. That humanitarian efforts continue to bring the world's poor to a banquet of bounty; we pray:
- 3. That all who have died may be received at the heavenly banquet of the Lord; we pray:

Others may add spontaneous prayers and light a votive candle on the altar from the Easter Candle

The Lord's Prayer

Chant 5x: Ubi Caritas, et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Closing Prayer

God of the living and the dead, grace and mercy are with your holy ones, and your care is with your elect.

We renew our faith in the resurrection of the dead, as you promise eternal life to all who



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believe. Listen to the prayers we offer before you and provide rest for all who have died. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Song: For all the Saints

Thank you for coming. Thank you for coming. Please join us again on the first Thursday of December, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. central time.

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