

Collect and Lessons for All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 1, 2020

Opening Hymn 243 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*
Sermon Hymn 197 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
Closing Hymn 126 *For All the Saints*

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the 44th Chapter of the Book Ecclesiasticus beginning at the 1st verse:

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, the heroes of our nation's history, through whom the Lord established his renown, and revealed his majesty in each succeeding age.

Some held sway over kingdoms and made themselves a name by their exploits. Others were sage counsellors, who spoke out with prophetic power. Some led the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of the nation's law; out of their fund of wisdom they gave instruction. Some were composers of music or writers of poetry. Others were endowed with wealth and strength, living peacefully in their homes.

All these won fame in their generation and were the pride of their times. Some there are who have left a name behind them to be commemorated in story. There are others who are unremembered; they are dead, and it is as though they had never existed, as though they had never been born or left children to succeed them. Not so our forefathers; they were men of loyalty, whose good deeds have never been forgotten.

Their prosperity is handed on to their descendants and their inheritance to future generations. Thanks to them their children are within the covenants- the whole race of their descendants. Their line will endure for all time, and their fame will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives forever. Nations will recount their wisdom, and God's people will sing their praises. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Psalm 149. *Cantate Domino.*

We will recite Psalm 149 responsively by the whole verse:

1 O Sing unto the LORD a new song; * let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, * and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance: * let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD hath pleasure in his people, * and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory; * let them rejoice in their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth; * and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To be avenged of the nations, * and to rebuke the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains, * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To execute judgment upon them; as it is written, * Such honour have all his saints.

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson

The New Testament Lesson is written in the 12th Chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews beginning at the 1st verse:

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Here endeth the New Testament Lesson.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the 5th Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 1st verse:

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ

Let us now pray together "A Prayer for 'Spiritual Communion'" from the Armed Forces Prayer Book (said on Sunday when we are prevented by circumstances from making our communion)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving.

I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to Thee,

And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Irregular

GRAND ISLE

With vigor

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, 1940

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
 3 They lived not on-ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still,

Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'

knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In

one, was a shep-herd - ess on the green: They were all of them
 one, was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not a - ny
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, For the saints of . . .

saints of God—and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 rea - son—no, not the least— Why I shouldn't be one too.
 God are just folk like me, And I meant to be one too.

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LESBIA SCOTT, 1929, alt

HASLEMERE

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Songs and Tunes for Education, 1861
 harmonized by MARTIN SHAW, 1931

In unison, singly

A-men

- 1 God whose Name is Love, happy children we;
 Listen to the hymn that we sing to thee.
- 2 Help us to be good, always kind and true,
 In the games we play or the work we do.
- 3 Bless us every one singing here to thee.
 God whose Name is Love, loving may we be! Amen.

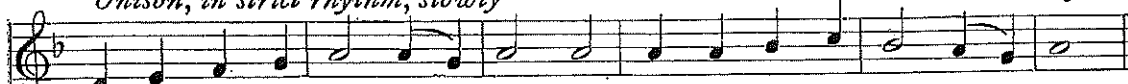
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FLORENCE HOATSON, 190

Holy Communion

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PICARDY

Traditional French Melody,
17th century*Unison, in strict rhythm, slowly*

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the way,



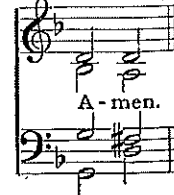
Pon-der noth-ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 As the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.
 He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
 That the powers of hell may van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.



4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
 cherubim with sleepless eye,
 Veil their faces to the Presence,
 as with ceaseless voice they cry,
 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!"
 Amen.

In harmony

Second Tune

All Saints

10 10 10, with Alleluias

JOSEPH BARNBY, 1868

SARUM

With vigor

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, Fight as the

faith be - fore the world con - fessed; Thy Name, O Je - sus,
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, And win, with them, the

be for ev - er blest.
 dread, the one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men.
 vic - tor's crown of gold.

*4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

*6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia, alleluia!