### 5 November

### ALL SAINTS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

#### **Feast**

Today we remember all our companions who are now face to face with their Lord in unending happiness. We call to mind the power of God shining through human weakness and the reward given to those who, in the words of the Spiritual Exercises, "faithfully labour under the banner of Christ's cross and have entered with him into glory". In 2014, when the Society of Jesus celebrated the second centenary of its restoration, it had fifty-six saints (including four non-Jesuit collaborators) and 148 Blessed (including one candidate).

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Eph 1: 3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without blemish before him, in love.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### Collect

Graciously enter into our hearts, O God, convert them, draw them to yourself, and transform them, so that, following the example of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and all the Saints of the Society of Jesus, we may, in our very lives, vividly manifest to all people your presence and your very face. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Prayer over the Offerings

As we approach your altar, O Lord, in celebration of all the members of the Society of Jesus who have been admitted into the glory of your Kingdom, we beg your mercy, that you graciously stir up our wills and inspire us to know what we ought to do for your glory and praise.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Society with Christ in glory

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For through all the Saints of the Society of Jesus you have presented to us a firm path by which, among the uncertainties of our world, perfect union with Christ is provided to us. In them you gave us examples of apostolic concern, perpetual intercessors, and faithful companions in worship, so that, strengthened by their assistance, this least Society may more effectively advance your glory throughout the world and devote itself more eagerly to its mission.

And so, we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and Angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

# Communion Antiphon (RM)

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

## Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord, give us a more intimate knowledge of your incarnate Son, that, following in his footsteps and with all the Saints of the Society of Jesus, we may serve him more faithfully and follow him more closely. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Cf. Jn 15: 16

A formula of Solemn Blessing may be used on the feast of All Saints of the Society of Jesus

May God, who desired you to be his children and to be holy as he himself is holy, enable you to be in the world images of his splendour and signs of his glory. R/. Amen.

May God, who sanctified the human race through the Incarnation of his Son and gave it new life through his death and resurrection make you artisans of his Kingdom of justice and peace.

R/. Amen.

May God, who consecrated you in truth with the protecting grace of the Holy Spirit, grant that,

following the example of all the Saints of the Society of Jesus, you may be a living sacrifice in Christ for the salvation of the world.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R/. Amen.