

NOVEMBER 5
ALL SAINTS AND BLESSED
OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS
FEAST

Today in one festival we celebrate the feast of all members of the Society who have been canonized or beatified, in order to understand the unity of the Society more clearly and live in the spirit of that unity more deeply. By analogy with the ancient tradition of the Church, which on All Saints' Day remembers all those who are with Christ in glory, so today's feast recalls the memory not only of those who have already received the Church's official honors but also of those many others who have labored with Christ for the salvation of men and who, following him in his sufferings, have entered with him into glory (cf. *Sp.Ex.*, n. 95).

INVITATORY

Ant.: Come, let us adore the Lord who speaks to us in his saints.

Invitatory Psalm as in the Ordinary

THE OFFICE OF READINGS

Hymn (cf. Apoc. 7)

Now before the throne of heaven
Numbers numberless I saw,
Drawn from every tribe and nation,
Every people, every tongue.
Robed in white, they stood in splendor,
Palms of vict'ry in their hands,
As they cried aloud, "Salvation
Comes from God and Christ the Lamb."

“Who are these in snow-white garments,
Through what testing have they come?”

“These have come through tribulation,
Through the last and great ordeal.
Now they stand, a white-robed army,
Washed with the blood of Christ the Lamb,
Serving God in his temple,
Praising him by day and night.

“He who sits enthroned in glory
Dwells among them as their God;
Thirst or hunger cannot reach them,
Burning sun or scorching wind.
Christ the Lord will be their shepherd
Leading them to living springs;
God will take from them all sorrow,
Dry their eyes of every tear.”

All in heaven sing in homage:
“Wisdom, honor, power, and might,
Blessing, glory, and thanksgiving
Be to God eternally.”
Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to Christ the Lamb,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Strength of martyrs, joy of saints.

Psalmody

Ant. 1: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Ps. 21:24-32

You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.
For he has never despised
nor scorned the poverty of the poor.
From him he has not hidden his face,
but he heard the poor man when he cried.

You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and have their fill.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him,
for the kingdom is the Lord's; he is ruler of the nations.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down into the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done."

Ant.: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Ant. 2: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Psalm 69

O God, make haste to my rescue,
Lord, come to my aid!
Let there be shame and confusion
on those who seek my life.

O let them turn back in confusion,
who delight in my harm,
let them retreat, covered with shame,
who jeer at my lot.

Let there be rejoicing and gladness
for all who seek you.
Let them say for ever, "God is great"
who love your saving help.

As for me, wretched and poor,
come to me, O God.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O Lord, do not delay.

Ant.: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Ant. 3: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Psalm 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honors those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant.: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

V. Let all your works acknowledge you, Lord.

R. And all your saints bless you.

First Reading: A reading from the Apocalypse of St. John (7:2-4, 9-17)

*The saints are before the throne of God and serve him
day and night.*

I, John, saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of

God upon their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Responsory (Apoc. 5:14; 4:10; 7:11)

R. They worshipped him who lives for ever and ever, casting their crowns before the throne of their Lord and God.

V. And they fell on their faces before the throne, and blessed him who lives for ever and ever, casting. . . .

Second Reading

From the Constitution of the Second Vatican Council on the Church.

(Lumen Gentium, n. 50; C.T.S. translation)

*We are one with our brothers who are with Christ in
Glory.*

When we fix our gaze on the life of men who have followed Christ faithfully, we have a new motive that impels us to seek the city which is to come. At the same time we receive instruction in the safest route whereby we may arrive at perfect union with Christ or perfect holiness—a route through the diversity the world offers, a route which suits each man in his condition and in his own circumstances. In the life of men who share our human nature, yet become completely changed into the likeness of Christ, God makes his presence, his countenance, vividly manifest to men. In their person he addresses us, he offers us the standard of his kingdom and we who are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, such a proof of the Gospel's truth, are powerfully attracted to it.

Their example is not the only warrant we have for cherishing the memory of those who are in heaven. A still greater motive is our hope that strength may be given to

the unity of the whole Church in the Spirit by the practice of brotherly love. In the same way that the Christian fellowship existing among members of the Church on earth brings us nearer to Christ, fellowship with the saints brings us union with Christ, and he is the well-spring and the head from which streams every grace and the very life of the People of God.

Our attachment to the Church in heaven is realized in the sublimest way when we are together transported with joy and jointly celebrate the praise of the divine Majesty, especially in the sacred liturgy, where the power of the Holy Spirit works on us through sacramental signs. In the liturgy, all who have been ransomed with Christ's blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and are assembled in the one Church, declare the greatness of God, one and three, with a single canticle of praise. We reach the highest degree of union with the worship of the Church in heaven at our celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice, as in the fellowship of communion we honor and remember first of all the glorious Mary ever virgin, then we recall the blessed Joseph and the blessed apostles, martyrs, and all saints.

Responsory (2 Cor. 13:11; Rom. 15:13)

R. Brothers, rejoice, be perfect, encourage one another, be of the same mind, live in peace; and the God of peace and love will be with you.

V. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the God. . . .

Te Deum. Concluding Prayer as at Morning Prayer.

MORNING PRAYER

Hymn

Where true love is dwelling, God is dwelling there;
Love's own loving presence love does ever share.

Love of Christ has made us out of many one;
In our midst is dwelling God's eternal Son.

Give him joyful welcome, love him and revere;
Cherish one another with a love sincere.

As in Christ we gather discord has no part;
Ours is but one spirit, but one mind and heart.

Bitterness now ended, let there be accord;
Always with us dwelling be our God and Lord.

May we share the vision with the saints on high
Of Christ's matchless glory when we come to die.

Joy of all the blessed, be our heav'nly prize;
Dwell with us forever, Lord of Paradise!

Where true love is dwelling, God is dwelling there;
Love's own loving presence love does ever share.

Psalmody

Ant. 1: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

(Psalms and Canticle of Sunday, Week 1)

Ant. 2: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Ant. 3: Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Scripture Reading (Rom. 8:16-17)

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Short Responsory

V. Look to the Lord * and be enlightened. Look. . . .

R. And your faces shall not be abashed. And. . . . Glory be. Look. . . .

Benedictus Antiphon:

They loved Christ in their lives, they imitated him in death; and therefore they now reign with him for ever.

Intercessions: see *Appendix*

Our Father

Concluding Prayer

Lord God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your service though you know how weak we are. Help us to be good soldiers of Christ under the banner of his cross. Bring to perfection the work you have begun in St. Ignatius and so many of his followers, now acclaimed as saints and blessed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

DAYTIME PRAYER

(Hymn from the Ordinary. Psalms of the occurring weekday.)

Before Noon

Ant.: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Scripture Reading (Apoc. 3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

V. My soul thirsted for God, the living God.

R. When shall I come and appear before his face?

Midday

Ant.: Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Scripture Reading (1 Pet. 5:10-11)

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

V. In God I have placed my hope.

R. I shall not fear what man can do to me.

Afternoon

Ant.: Blessed are you when men persecute you on my account, for your reward is great in heaven.

Scripture Reading (Eph. 1:17-18)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, and what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

V. Lord, to whom shall we go?

R. You have the words of eternal life.

EVENING PRAYER

Hymn (cf. Apoc. 21)

Now, from the heav'ns descending,
Is seen a glorious sight,
The Bride of Christ in splendor,
Arrayed in purest white.
She is the holy City,
Whose radiance is the grace
Of all the saints in glory,
From every time and place.

This is the hour of gladness
For Bridegroom and for Bride,
The Lamb's great feast is ready,
His Bride is at his side.

How bless'd are those invited
To share his wedding feast:
The least becomes the greatest,
The greatest are the least.

He who is throned in heaven
Takes up his dwelling place
Among his chosen people,
Who see him face to face.
No sound is heard of weeping,
For pain and sorrow cease,
And sin shall reign no longer,
But love and joy and peace.

See how a new creation
Is brought at last to birth,
A new and glorious heaven,
A new and glorious earth.
Death's power for ever broken,
Its empire swept away,
The promised dawn of glory
Begins its endless day.

Psalmody

Ant. 1: You have redeemed us, Lord God, in your blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and
made us a kingdom for our God.

Psalm 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens, his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Ant.: You have redeemed us, Lord God, in your blood,
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and
made us a kingdom for our God.

Ant. 2: By this all men will know that you are my disci-
ples, if you have love for one another.

Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

To deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honor is for all his faithful.

Ant.: By this all men will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.

Ant. 3: Where brothers glorify God together, there the
Lord will give a blessing.

Canticle (Apoc. 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12)
Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord,
to take the scroll and open its seals,
for you were slain,

and by your blood you ransomed men for God
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,
and honor and glory and blessing.

Ant.: Where brothers glorify God together, there the
Lord will give a blessing.

Scripture Reading (Col. 3:23-24)

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord
and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive
the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord
Christ.

Short Responsory

R. You are to love one another; for you are all one in
Christ. You are to. . .

V. Sing to the Lord a new song; for you are. . . Glory
be. You are to. . .

Magnificat Antiphon

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed
you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit
should abide.

Intercessions: see *Appendix*

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