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All Saints' Day ~ November 03, 2024

Color of the Day: White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.

Opening Hymn #904 - *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*
Confession and Absolution. Page 151

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 152

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood |
of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; *
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress; *
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit; *
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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of the Lamb.

Kyrie Page 152

Hymn of Praise (This is the Feast) Page 155

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 156

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading Page 156

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending 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, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

Gradual Page 156

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood |
of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you, *
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle. Page 156

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when

he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse. Page 156

Holy Gospel. Page 157

Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And 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 those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #677 – For All the Saints

The Sermon Blessed ~ Matthew 5:1-12

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), just want to follow along? Visit Pastor Bogs’ blog at rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Today we celebrate _____.

The World’s Idea of Being Blessed

Being blessed according to the world means, _____.

Another indicator _____.

A third indicator _____.

These worldly signs _____.

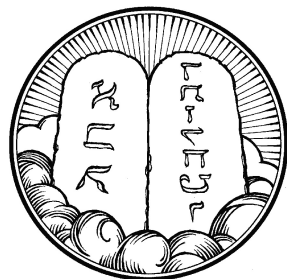
God’s Idea of Being Blessed

Beginning at verse three, Jesus’ idea _____.

At verse four, Jesus’ idea _____.

In verse five, Jesus’ idea _____.

In verse six, Jesus’ idea _____.



So far Jesus has been point to _____.

In verse seven our attention and focus _____.

In verse eight, Jesus’ idea _____.

In verse nine, Jesus’ idea _____.

In verse ten, Jesus’ idea _____.

Finally in verse eleven, Jesus’ idea _____.

The Difference in the Focus

The world’s focus is on _____.

Whereas God’s focus _____.

As we celebrate All Saints Day _____.

I like the words of a song _____.

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 159

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

Offertory. Page 159

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠ ✠ ✠

Preface Page 160

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 161

Lord’s Prayer & The Words of Our Lord Page 162

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 163

Distribution Page 164

Here at St. Matthew we lovingly practice closed communion. Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask you to read our communion statement on the insert behind the pew Bible. If you have any questions, please speak to a pastor or elder. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #554 – O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
#950 - Splendor and Honor
#659 - Lord of Our Life

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn #932 - Jesus Sat with His Disciples