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**All Saints' Day ~ November 5, 2023**

*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 . . . . . #670 - *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*  
Confession and Absolution. . . . . Page 151

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 152

*Ps. 149: 1-4; antiphon: Ps. 148:13*

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 154

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 156

*Revelation 7:2-17 (All Saints' Day)*

<sup>2</sup>Then 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, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After 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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>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."

Gradual . . . . . Page 156

*Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

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 Reading . . . . . Page 156

*1 John 3:1-3 (All Saints' Day)*

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse (Common) . . . . . Page 156

Holy Gospel . . . . . Page 157

*Matthew 5:1-12 (All Saints' Day)*

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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 . . . . . We Are God’s Children Now ~ 1 John 3:1-3

*Miss a sermon visit Pastor Bogs' blog at rabs writings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez's blog at pastormendez.blogspot.com.*

Introduction

Today is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Other Lessons

In the first lesson \_\_\_\_\_.

John also tells us \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Gospel lesson \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus says \_\_\_\_\_.

The Father’s Love

First and foremost \_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus came into \_\_\_\_\_.

The world rejected \_\_\_\_\_.

John says we are \_\_\_\_\_.

What Does This Mean?

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

God first \_\_\_\_\_.

God first \_\_\_\_\_.

God brings \_\_\_\_\_.

As we celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.

Our ultimate hope \_\_\_\_\_.

Other Notes or Questions for the 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.

Offering & Offertory. . . . . Page 159

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 and Prayer of Thanksgiving . . . . . Page 161

Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord . . . . . Page 162

Pax Domini and 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.*

Distribution Hymns . . . . . #585 - Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

#680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

#679 - Oh, How Blest Are They

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) . . . . . Page 164

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction . . . . . Page 166

Closing Hymn . . . . . #924 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing