

The Feast of All Saints

A reading from the the book of Wisdom, chapter three, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the bulletin as an insert.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction,

and their going from us to be their destruction;

but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,

because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

This is the word of the Lord.

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The Psalter –Psalm 1

BLESSED is the man that
hath not walked in the counsel
of the ungodly, nor stood in
the way of sinners, * and hath
not sat in the seat of the
scornful.

But his delight is in the law of
the LORD; * and in his law
will he exercise himself day
and night.

And he shall be like a tree
planted by the water-side, *
that will bring forth his fruit in
due season.

His leaf also shall not wither;
* and look, whatsoever he
doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so
with them; * but they are like
the chaff, which the wind
scattereth away from the face
of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall
not be able to stand in the
judgment, * neither the sinners
in the congregation of the
righteous.

But the LORD knoweth the
way of the righteous; * and
the way of the ungodly shall
perish.

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A reading from the Book of Revelation, chapter 7, beginning at the second verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 272.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

[Pause] I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and

wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and 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 in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

[Pause] This is the word of the Lord.