

## **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

### **MASS INTRODUCTION**

Good morning and welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist.

Today we celebrate a very special feast in the Church's year.

We call it The Feast of All saints.

We remember all those people who are in heaven...they are all saints.

We give thanks for their lives, and we pray that they may inspire us and help us live good lives and one day be with them and Our Heavenly Father.

Let us stand and sing our first hymn.

## **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God. he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty it was to devastate land and sea.

'Wait before you do any damage on land or sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'

Then I heard how many were sealed : a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

They were standing in front of the throne and I front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.

They shouted aloud 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'

and all the angels who were standing in a circle around the throne, knelt down and worshipped God with these words:

'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

The word of the Lord

## **PSALM**

**Response** Such are the men who seek your face O Lord

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness  
The world and all its peoples  
It is he who set in on the seas  
On the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart  
Who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
And reward from the God who made him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
Seek the face of the God of Jacob.

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished upon us,  
by letting us be called God's children.  
And that is what we are.

Because some people in the world don't believe in him,  
they also don't believe in us.

My dear children,  
we are already children of God  
but what we are going to be in the future  
hasn't yet been revealed.

All that we do know is that we will be like him.  
we shall see Him as he really is.

If we hope to see God, then we must try to be as pure as Him.

The word of the Lord.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

1. On this feast of All Saints, we pray for the help to live good lives.  
That by following Christ's example, we will think about those who are sad, lonely, hungry and caught up in war. By doing this we too will be saints in heaven.  
Lord in your mercy...
  
2. During November we will be praying for all those people who have died. We remember all those people who have died alone and have no one to pray for them.  
We ask God to look after them and make them happy with him in the kingdom of heaven.  
Lord in your mercy...
  
3. We pray for peace everywhere.  
We especially remember those people in Syria.  
We pray that those grown ups in charge will realise that happiness and peace do not happen by fighting.  
Lord in your mercy...
  
5. We ask Mary the Mother of God to listen to our prayers and to pray with us as we say Hail Mary....
  
6. Let's now spend a while in the silence of our hearts, saying our own prayers to God our loving Father .