

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**Lectionary 31, Year A, All Saints Sunday**

First Reading            Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm                     Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
Second Reading        1 John 3:1-3

**A READING FROM REVELATION**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing,

“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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

### **THANKS BE TO GOD**

*(If the Psalm is sung by the choir, you will not be required to lead the Psalm.  
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## **PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 34<sup>th</sup> PSALM IN UNISON**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD<sup>l</sup> at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be <sup>l</sup> in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory <sup>l</sup> in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear <sup>l</sup> and rejoice. R**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness <sup>l</sup> of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's <sup>l</sup> name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who <sup>l</sup> answered me**  
**and delivered me from <sup>l</sup> all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD<sup>l</sup> and be radiant,  
and let not your faces <sup>l</sup> be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and <sup>l</sup> the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from <sup>l</sup> all my troubles. R**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <sup>l</sup> fear the  
LORD  
and de- <sup>l</sup> livers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the <sup>l</sup> LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- <sup>l</sup> uge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints <sup>l</sup> of the LORD,  
for those who fear the <sup>l</sup> LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and <sup>l</sup> suffer hunger,**  
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing <sup>l</sup> that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life <sup>l</sup> of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will <sup>l</sup> not be punished. **R**

## **A READING FROM 1 JOHN**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
***THANKS BE TO GOD***

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**Lectionary 32, Year A, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading            Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm                     Psalm 70  
Second Reading        1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**A READING FROM AMOS**

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain  
offerings,

I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
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**PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 70<sup>th</sup> PSALM IN UNISON**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;  
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and  
confounded;**

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw  
back and | be disgraced. R**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me  
turn back because | of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great |  
is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O  
God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

## **A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
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**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
**Lectionary 33, Year A, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading            Zephaniah 1:7,12-18  
Psalm                     Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12  
Second Reading        1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**A READING FROM ZEPHANIAH**

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
"The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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**PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 90<sup>th</sup> PSALM IN UNISON**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land  
and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night; R**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**

[ <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our | days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in  
strength | even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they  
pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power | of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

] <sup>12</sup>**So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R**

## **A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
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**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
**Lectionary 34, Year A, Christ the King**

First Reading            Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm                     Psalm 95:1-7a  
Second Reading        Ephesians 1:15-23

**A READING FROM EZEKIEL**

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

<sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

## **THE WORD OF THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD**

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### **PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 95<sup>th</sup> PSALM IN UNISON**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing <sup>l</sup> to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>l</sup> our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence <sup>l</sup> with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the <sup>l</sup> LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, <sup>l</sup> are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- <sup>l</sup>bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns <sup>l</sup> of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are <sup>l</sup> also yours. R**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, <sup>l</sup> for you made it,  
and your hands have molded <sup>l</sup> the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship <sup>l</sup> and bow down,  
let us kneel before the <sup>l</sup> LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD <sup>l</sup> is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep <sup>l</sup> of  
God's hand. **R**

## **A READING FROM EPHESIANS**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
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