Readings for November 1

All Saints Day

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 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, 12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?” 14 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.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship God day and night within the temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

[1] I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
[2] **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
[4] **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
[5] Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles. R
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
[9] Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
[22] O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

[1] 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 God. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. [3] And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as the Son is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down, and his disciples came to him. [2] Then Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:

[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the dominion of heaven.

[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the dominion of heaven.

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