

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORD SCRAMBLE

- asntis _____
- aseBiettud _____
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

The color for All Saints' Day is white.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the hymns today, who do they talk about? Who is in the picture above? People do not live forever on earth, but Christians do live forever in heaven even after they die and their bodies will be raised from the dead someday. Will we see all the people who have died before us in heaven someday?

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

- 1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Where did Jesus go?
- 2) What did He say to the disciples?
- 3) This reading is known as the "Beatitudes." Who does Jesus say will be blessed?
- 4) God does not promise us a life with no suffering on earth, but Christ gives us the strength to endure this suffering. Where will we get our reward someday?
- 5) Does Jesus tell us to be sad because we have to suffer? What does He tell us to do as we look toward heaven?

People of the Bible: Stephen

Stephen is described as "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" in Acts 6. He was one of seven chosen to help the apostles in proclaiming Christ. He did many great things

among the people. Some of the Jews from a synagogue said Stephen was speaking against God even though he wasn't, rather he was preaching about how God has always kept His promises to His people. However, when Stephen spoke to the people of the synagogue about this, they became very angry with him. He spoke about Christ but these evil men did not want to hear about Christ, so they killed him by throwing stones at him. Before he died, Stephen prayed to God that He would forgive these evil men for stoning him. One of the men from the synagogue was Saul, who tried to destroy Christ's church. However, later God spoke to him and created faith in him too, so he became a Christian and was then known as Paul. (We learned about Paul during the Week of Septuagesima.) Stephen had faith in God and even though he was killed, God kept his promises to Stephen and gave him eternal life. The name "Stephen" means "crown," and he received his crown of life in heaven after he died.

HYMN – "For All the Saints"

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!