

# All Saints Day, Year A

(November 1)

**Color:** White  
**Scriptures:** [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]  
Following the Complementary stream for the first reading and psalm  
[Revelation 7:9-17](#) (*The redeemed gather at God's throne worshipping the Lamb*)  
[Psalm 34:1-10, 22](#) (*O taste and see, the Lord is good. The Lord redeems*)  
[1 John 3:1-3](#) (*Through God's love, we are God's children*)  
[Matthew 5:1-12](#) (*The Beatitudes: Blessed are you*)

**Themes:** Holiness, God's Word, Love, Great Commandment, Reformation

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## HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the morning's scriptures or themes.

- [All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name](#) (*CORONATION; DIADEM; MILES LANE*).....Revelation
- [All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly](#) (*HOLY MANNA*) .....Psalms
- [Come, We That Love the Lord / Marching to Zion](#) (*FESTAL SONG; MARCHING TO ZION*) .....Revelation
- [For All the Saints](#) (*SINE NOMINE*) ..... Revelation, 1 John, Matthew, All Saints
- [For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love](#) (*O WALY WALY*) ..... Revelation, 1 John, Matthew, All Saints
- [Gather Us In](#) (*GATHER US IN*) ..... 1 John
- [Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm](#) (*REPTON*) ..... Matthew, All Saints
- [Holy God, We Praise Your Name](#) (*GROSSER GOTT*) ..... Revelation, All Saints
- [Holy, Holy, Holy](#) (*NICAEA*) ..... Revelation, All Saints
- [I Sing a Song of the Saints of God](#) (*GRAND ISLE*) ..... All Saints
- [I Stand Amazed in the Presence](#) (*MY SAVIOR'S LOVE*) ..... 1 John, All Saints
- [Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#) (*BEECHER; HYFRYDOL*) ..... Revelation, All Saints
- [Make Me a Channel of Your Peace](#) (*PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS*) ..... 1 John, Matthew
- [Oh, How He Loves You and Me](#) (*PATRICIA*) ..... 1 John
- [Rejoice in God's Saints](#) (*HANOVER*) ..... Revelation, All Saints

## ANTHEMS

*E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult*

### **Bienaventurados (Blessed and Beloved) – E/M**

..... Matthew  
Lourdes Montgomery  
© 1999, OCP, 30147142  
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Trpt (2), Vln (2), Gtr,  
(in Spanish and English)

### **Children of God Are We – E ..... 1 John**

John A. Behnke  
© 2013, Concordia Publishing, 98-4132  
2-Part Mixed (opt. Treble), Keyboard

### **Happy and Blest Are They (from *St. Paul*) – MD**

..... Matthew, All Saints  
Felix Mendelssohn/Archibald Davison, ed.  
© 1925, 1952, E. Schirmer, 1133  
SATB, Organ

### **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – M... Rev., All Saints**

*GROSSER GOTT*/John Ferguson, arr.  
© 1988, GIA Publications, G-3167  
SATB, opt. Congregation, Organ, opt. Brass (4)

### **Paradise (from *Hymnody of Earth*) – MD ..... All Saints**

*NORTHPORT*/Malcolm Dalglish, arr.  
© 1995, OooliticMusic.com  
SSAATBB, a cappella

### **Saints Bound for Heaven – M ..... Rev., All Saints**

*Walker's Southern Harmony*/Mack Wilberg, arr.  
© 1998, Oxford University Press, 9780193860568  
SATB, Piano (4-hands), opt. Chamber Orchestra

### **Shall We Gather at the River – E..... All Saints**

*HANSON PLACE* and *DEEP RIVER*/John Carter, arr.  
© 1981, Beckenhorst Press, BP1119  
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Solo

### **The Souls of the Righteous – MD..... All Saints**

Geraint Lewis, in *English Church Music*, Vol 1  
© 2010, Oxford University Press, 9780193368415  
SATB divisi, Organ

### **Taste and See – M ..... Psalms**

Nicholas Palmer  
© 2017, GIA Publications, G-9137  
SATB, Keyboard

### **Rejoice in the Promise of Jesus – E..... Matthew**

Scot Crandal  
© 2015, OCP, 30137406  
SAB, Solos, Keyboard, opt. C-Instrument, Guitar

– Youth and Children –

### **Into the World of Light – M ..... All Saints**

Camilla Pruitt and Tom Shelton  
© 2022, Choristers Guild, CGA 1671  
SAB, Piano, opt. Violin and Cello

### **Little Innocent Lamb – E ..... Revelation**

Traditional Spiritual/Ken Berg, arr.  
© 2003, Hal Leonard, 8743798  
2-Part, Piano, opt. Flute

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*I have always been impressed by how close I am to a lot of people who have died long ago, but still have a very active influence on my life, an influence that is deeper and more lasting than when I had known them in the flesh.*

— HENRI J.M. NOUWEN, *Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life*

*A saint is one who makes goodness attractive.*

— LAWRENCE HOUSEMAN (1865–1959)

## GATHERING PRAYER

*(Psalm 34)*

O God, source of all that is in time and space,  
in you is the quiet center of blessing upon all creation.  
From you comes the invitation: O taste and see that the LORD is good.  
O Refuge and Redeemer, we open our hearts to you  
in this time and space. Amen.

— Warren Howell\*

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Psalm 34)*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
**let us exalt God's name together.**  
With all the saints, we sing God's praise.  
**With all of God's servants, we give thanks and sing.**  
O taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**Happy are those whose refuge is in God.**

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*Let me be with you  
in the silence  
that is to come,  
to sing with all the saints  
an endless hymn  
of love for you.*

— RICHARD BEALE, *Silence and the Gift*

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*(Matthew 5)*

Surprising God, you bless the overlooked ones.  
Your love reaches to the least in your kingdom.  
Bless us now in the reading of your word  
that we not overlook you, who became least. Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(Matthew 5)*

Gracious God, we confess we have not lived out the folly of the Gospel.

We often place our desires over the needs of others, but you have said:

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

We insulate ourselves from the pain surrounding us, but you have said:

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

We struggle to appear strong and superior, but you have said:

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

We often choose the easy path over the right one, but you have said:

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.**

We cheer when revenge is sweet, but you have said:

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

Our hearts are pulled in many directions, but you have said:

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

We lose patience for peace with those closest to us, too often

we are silent about the warring ways of our nation, but you have said:

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

When it is unpopular to stand up for justice against those that hold the power,

let us remember you said:

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Have mercy upon us, O God, and purify our hearts, we pray:

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*(Psalm 34)*

The Lord redeems the lives of those who serve God. None who take refuge in God will be condemned. Alleluia.

## SENDING

*(1 John 3)*

Go out into the world as God's beloved children,  
surrounded by saints, and sent forth  
to rejoice in all things,  
to trust in all circumstances,  
and to proclaim God's kingdom to all people. Amen.

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\*Prayers and liturgies by Warren Howell, editor