

NOVEMBER 17

COMMEMORATION OF ALL DECEASED SERVANTS OF MARY FRIARS, SISTERS, BENEFACTORS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Romans 8, 11

God, who raised Jesus from the dead will bring our mortal bodies to life again because of the his Spirit dwelling within us.

Or

cf. Esdra 3, 34-35

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord , and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
you are the glory of your servants.
Our deceased brothers and sisters,
parents, relatives, friends, and benefactors
shared the same baptism
and were joined to the death of Christ on earth.
May they now share in the glory
of his resurrection in heaven.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Romans 14, 7-9

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
Brothers and sisters, none of us lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 114 (115), 3-4, 5+6; 115 (116), 15-16

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me,
sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Gospel Acclamation

2Timothy 2, 11-12a

Alleluia! Alleluia!

If we have died with him, we shall live with him, if we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25, 31-46

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you

Jesus said to his disciples,
“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
Then the king will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’
Then the righteous will answer him and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’
And the king will say to them in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’
Then he will say to those on his left,
‘Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’
Then they will answer and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger
or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?’
He will answer them,
‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do
for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, receive the sacrificial gifts and prayers,
that we offer to you for all the members of our family
who have been united with us
by bonds of religious life or love.
Graciously grant to them the reward promised
to your faithful servants.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface

In the Father's house where Our Lady reigns and her servants rejoice

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Christ our Lord.
As the destroyer of sin and death,
Christ enables his disciples,
who live in love and conquer by grace,
to eat from the promised tree of life.
As the Lord who has died for his servants,
he prepares a place for them in your house,
where Our Lady reigns and her servants rejoice.
As the merciful judge who will come at the end of time,
he carries to heaven his brothers and sisters,
born to new life,
where there will be true freedom,
a lasting treasure, and undying love.
Therefore, we, too, with all the angels praise you,
and in joyful exultation, say: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Philippians 3, 20-21

We have our citizenship in heaven; it is from here that we eagerly await
the coming of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it

according to the pattern of his glorified body.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we are filled
with the life-giving energy of the sacraments.
We humbly ask that, by the strength of this sacrifice,
all the deceased members of our family
may be citizens of the eternal kingdom
with our glorious Lady
to whom they dedicated their lives of service.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>