

NOVEMBER 16
ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF SERVANTS OF MARY

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 33, 1-2

Exult you just in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the Lord on the harp,
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.

Or

Isaiah 60, 21

Your people shall all be just, they shall always possess the land,
they, the bud of my planting, my handiwork to show my glory.

Prayer of the Assembly

Almighty God,
graciously sustain in us the same spirit of service
that you so generously gave
to the holy men and women
of the Order of Servants of Mary.
(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

1 Corinthians. 12, 4-13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
There are different workings but the same God
Brothers and sisters,
there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
here are different workings
but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another the expression of knowledge
according to the same Spirit;
to another faith by the same Spirit;
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy;
to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues;
to another interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.
As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body,
though many, are one body, so also Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord

or Alternative First Reading Revelation 7, 13-17

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

They stand before God's throne and worship him day and night

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,
"Who are these wearing white robes,
and where did they come from?"
I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows."
He said to me,
"These are the ones who have survived
the time of great distress;
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they stand before God's throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the centre of the throne
will shepherd them and lead them
to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 99 (100), 2-5

R/. Serve the Lord with gladness

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

R/. Serve the Lord with gladness

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R/. Serve the Lord with gladness

Go within his gates, giving thanks.
Enter his courts with songs of praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

R/. Serve the Lord with gladness

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

R/. Serve the Lord with gladness

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 10, 20b

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 12, 22-32

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom

Jesus said to his disciples,
“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life
and what you will eat,
or about your body and what you will wear.
For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.
Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap;
they have neither storehouse nor barn,
yet God feeds them.
How much more important are you than birds!
Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan?
If even the smallest things are beyond your control,
why are you anxious about the rest?
Notice how the flowers grow.
They do not toil or spin.
But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour
was dressed like one of them.
If God so clothes the grass in the field
that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,
will he not much more provide for you,
O you of little faith?
As for you, do not seek what you are to eat
and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore.
All the nations of the world seek for these things,
and your Father knows that you need them.
Instead, seek his kingdom,
and these other things will be given you besides.
Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Exalting with joy, Lord,
we hasten to your altar with sacrificial gifts.
With confidence, we ask
that this feast of All Saints of the Servite Order
may bring widespread happiness
and full health to all.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface

One in mind and heart with eyes fixed on the Virgin Mary

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,

we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we celebrate today the solemn feast of our Saints.
One in mind and heart,
with eyes fixed on the Virgin Mary,
they served you, O Lord, and all people,
in humility and charity.
Therefore, Father, we praise you
for the wonders you have worked in them,
and we strive to follow
their example of communal life.
With the help of their intercession
we hope to reach the eternal city.
And therefore with them and all the angels,
we praise you for ever as we say: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Tobit 2, 18

We are the sons of saints, and we look forward to that life
which God will give to those who never lose their faith in him.

Prayer after Communion

We beseech you, Lord our God,
that this heavenly banquet
and the example and prayers
of All Saints of the Servite Order
may nourish in us
the desire to be faithful servants of the Blessed Virgin.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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