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Wednesday 2 November 2022

All Souls Day

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Reflection by Debra Snoddy

Pastoral Note

Readings for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed may be taken from any of those provided for Masses for the Dead (see Lectionary for Mass, Volume III, pp. 849 – 890). The introductions given here are for the selection provided in the Lectionary for Mass, Volume I, pp. 966 – 969.

Introduction

On this Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. It is also an opportunity for us to re-double our own efforts on the journey of discipleship with Jesus.

Penitential Act

Use one of the *Roman Missal* texts or this optional litany form:

Lord Jesus, you obeyed the will of the Father.
Lord, have mercy.

You are the mercy of the Father.
Christ, have mercy.

You are the resurrection and the life.
Lord, have mercy.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

In the ancient world, eating sparingly and with little variation in diet was the norm for most people. The image of the lavish banquet to which all peoples are invited, therefore, soon became an image of the reign of God coming to birth. The resurrection of the dead is another image of the reign of God coming to birth in our midst.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

OR

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

This psalm is often used at funerals because it affirms our faith in the eternal life that has been won for us and that we have ached for since humankind was created in God's image.

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Helpless on account of our sins, God's love was shown for us when Christ died on the cross. The death of Jesus reconciles us to God: we are saved because of the life of the Son. This death which brings us salvation is what we hope in for our own salvation.

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-17

In the world of Jesus, the widow was particularly vulnerable. How much more so a widow whose only son has died? Jesus raises to life the son of the widow of Nain, giving life back to this unnamed son and to his unnamed mother as well. This miracle of life points us forwards when another only son will be raised to life.

Reflection

All Souls' Day has many traditions tied to it from around the world. Today we will take a brief look at what it meant for the Celts and the Irish in particular. It was generally accepted that at certain times of the year the veil between this world and the resting places of the ancestors was torn. One such time was the period known in Irish as *Samhain* (pronounced sow-in), that is, from Hallows' E'en, All Hallows and All Souls.

The day of All Souls was spent cleaning the graves and saying prayers for the departed and that night a good fire was lit, a candle lit for each family member 'gone to God' and the table set with a bowl of spring water and a place setting for each deceased relative with 'soul cakes' freshly baked. The household retire to bed earlier than usual and the door was left unlocked, ready access for the visit of the ancestors. The dead as repositories of wisdom and lore would bestow two gifts on the living – the ability to remember traditions of the past and an understanding of how deeply we are forever linked to our bloodline. Much of these traditions died out in the nineteenth century with the Romanisation of the Irish Catholic Church, suspicious, as the Roman trained clergy were, of their links to paganism.

The feast of All Souls dated back to Odilo, abbot of Cluny (d. 1048) who instituted a day for a general intercession for the departed on November 2. By the end of the thirteenth century, it had become a universal celebration of the Church. Having fêted the day of all who had attained heaven, the Church turns her attention to those souls believed to be suffering in purgatory. Purgatory is thought to be where most people go, who are free of mortal sin but die in a state of venial sin and is the intermediate option between heaven and hell. The faithful on earth can help to cleanse these souls in order to fit them for heaven and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. Following the teachings of the Catholic Church, Catholics can shorten the time a soul spends in purgatory by visiting a church and praying the Our Father and the Creed on All Souls' Day.

The readings for this feast are calling us to remember our unity with all 'who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith'. But what are these signs? Paul is clear that what separates believers from the sinful is being reconciled to God through Jesus and knowing God's love for us by the gift of the Spirit. As such our lives are now to be marked by hope and joyful trust in God.

Nonetheless, there is a cost to our hope because that hope emerges from the suffering of Jesus. It is Christ's death that has paid the price so that our joy and trust in God is not deceptive. Our hope is for the resurrection of all who have died in Christ, and who, like Jesus, are raised to the newness of eternal life with God, the dwelling place of light and peace. And we number ourselves among them.

It is this same Jesus who restores the widow's son back to his mother. But unlike the people of Nain, we know him to be more than a great prophet. The One who has the power to restore life, takes on the burden of our debt and forfeits his life for us. By so doing, we are restored as children of God and enter into the banquet on the holy mountain, as Isaiah has promised. May we be encouraged by the words of the prophet and truly exult and rejoice that he has saved us, 'the Lord is the one in whom we hoped'.

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction

As we commemorate those who have died we bring our particular needs for the world and our community.

Petitions

We pray for all the leaders of our Church who have died, especially Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, that their wisdom and holiness will shine for us all to follow.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the leaders of our world who have died for justice and peace that they will enjoy eternal happiness with God.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who are close to death through illness. May they be given peace and strength through the love and care of those around them.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all of us who grieve for those who have died. Strengthen us in the sure knowledge that you have prepared many rooms for our loved ones to live with you in eternity.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the people who do not believe that there is a God who loves them and provides for them after this life. Bring them to a knowledge of your goodness.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all gathered here remembering those who have died. May we enter into the holy banquet as Isaiah promised and Jesus fulfilled.
(Pause) Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion

As we pray for those who have gone before us into eternal life, we know that our prayers will be heard and blessed with a response. We pray through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus who is risen.

Amen.

Music selections by Alessio Loiacono and Chris deSilva

Title	AOV1	AOV2	AOVK	AOVNG	GA	CWB	CWBII
Abide with me		128					444
All creatures of our God and King (especially verse 6)					395	618	446
Amazing grace	29				437		450
At last, all pow'rful Master (Canticle of Simeon)							225
Be not afraid	114				449		653
Because the Lord is my shepherd	66						
Come to me, all who labour	37				228	660	
Do not be afraid, I am with you/The Lord is my light					28		481
I am sure I shall see				71			
I am the bread of life						718	509
Lord God, you now have set your servant free (Canticle of Simeon)							226
My Master, see, the time has come (Canticle of Simeon)						636	227
Save us, Lord, while we are awake (Canticle of Simeon)							223/22 4
Come to me all you who labour	37				228	660	
Eye has not seen	146				466		
I am the bread of life	49				204	718	509
I heard the voice of Jesus say	54				468		512
I know that my Redeemer lives		34					145
In faith and hope and love					442	722	520
Keep in mind	180				391	730	530
Lord of the living							440
May flights of angels					241		154
My soul is longing for your peace					519	751	559
Nearer, my God, to thee		154					
O God, our help in ages past	175				459	767	568
On eagle's wings	153				452		654
Remember those, O Lord							441
Restless is the heart					239		
The living God my shepherd Is						827	
The Lord is my light				126			
The Lord is my light and salvation						828	
The Lord is my shepherd	26				506	830	619
The Lord's My shepherd, I'll not want	144				473	833	620
Turn our sadness upside down			125				
We walk by faith	63				447		641
When human voices cannot sing					236		149
Yes, I shall arise					214	867	648
You are near	112						

Psalms Selected by Chris deSilva and Angela McCarthy

Psalm 26: *The Lord is my light and my salvation/I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

	CWB	GA	JOBF	LPC	PM
Psalm 26	469/470	27	pg. 54	pg. 110	pg. 25

Music selections by Michael Mangan

You are my shepherd (FWS) *Based on Ps 22/23* [Gifts, Communion]

The Lord is my light (LCC) *Ps 26 (27)* Children's Lectionary Translation

You are the light (FWS) *Based on Ps 26/27* [Gathering, Recessional]