

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn: B #320

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Rev. 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud

voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 34 *Tune: Old 100th*

I will at all times bless the Lord
And in his praise will raise my voice.
I glory in him and his word,
Let all the humble now rejoice.

Proclaim God's greatness now with me;
Let us exalt his Name as one.
I sought the Lord; he heard my plea,
And all my terrors now are gone.

Look then on God and let your joy
Shine in your faces radiantly.
I called in my distress; he heard,
And from my troubles rescued me.

Around God's people day by day
His angel stands with outstretched wing.
Taste, then, and see how happy they
Who trust the Lord in everything.

All you who are the Lord's own saints,
In fear before his presence stand;
For those who fear the Lord our God
Shall lack for nothing from his hand.

Second Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with[b] the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and

predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Gradual Hymn: B #439, vs. 1, & 2, before the Gospel, v. 3 & 4 after the Gospel

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Offertory Hymn: B #281

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Hymns: R #65, 141, 79 After Communion ...

May the God of Hope go with Us

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land
and race.

Refrain

***Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

May the God of healing free the earth
from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and
pursued.
May the God of love keep our
commitment clear to a world restored,
to human life renewed.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion:

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory
reflected in your saints. May we who
share at this table be filled with the joy
of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is
Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ...

Those Hearts that We have Treasured

Those hearts that we have treasured,
those lives that we have shared,
those loves that walked beside us,
those friends for whom we've cared,
their blessing rests upon us,
their life is memory,
their suffering is over,
their spirits are set free.

They still give hope and comfort,
they did not lose the fight,
they showed us truth and goodness,
they shine into our night.
Remember days of gladness,
remember times of joy;
remember all the moments that grief
cannot destroy.

From hearts that we have treasured,
from lives that we have shared,
from loves that walked beside us,
from friends from whom we've cared,
we've learned to treasure kindness,
we've learned that grace provides,
we've learned to be together,
we've learned that love abides.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Nov. 5, 2023

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM

A year long journey using Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together, to explore Jesus' teachings.

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is now looking forward to Advent and Christmas! Practice makes perfect and we will be practicing for our rendition of the Nativity to be offered in December. To that end, we are looking for a few props! We need about eight old cell phones (smart phones with a swipe screen ...they do not need to work). We are also looking for a lantern, toy sheep and a drum. With many thanks to all those who have donated to Sunday School in material items, in kind, and in prayer. We are truly blessed.

CHOIR

Anyone interested in joining our choir, please contact Sterling Bennett at (613) 283-7833 or (613) 285-4263.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The Salvation Army is looking to recruit volunteers for their Kettle Campaign which begins November 17, 2023. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mary Lynn Wilson or Jackie Staples at (613) 283-3563 or e-mail: mary-lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca.

PRAY K7A

Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area. The last Sunday of each month Christians from across Smiths Falls will gather to pray for the town and area, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other. November location to be announced.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Reader & Intercessor: Donna Howard

Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Kathy Porter

Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt

Readings for next Sunday, November 12, 2023:

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 116:1-8; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

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Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

**Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June*

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