

November 8th

ALL SAINTS OF THE CHURCH OF JERUSALEM

Feast

Today, the earthly Jerusalem celebrates those of her sons and daughters who have already reached the heavenly Jerusalem to which "we too eagerly hasten" (Preface).

This glorious Church, the mother of all churches, of which the people of Israel has been the root, has already generated countless numbers of saints and martyrs for the Kingdom, thus fulfilling the prophecy: "A bright light will shine to all the ends of the earth " (Tob 13: 11).

In this glorious assembly, we venerate the saints who preceded Christ and the Apostles, the innumerable holy women, martyrs, bishops, doctors, monks and virgins, and so many men and women who have made of the earthly Jerusalem a city precious in the sight of God.

May we also, who dwell in this land where so many saints have lived, walk in faith and give thanks to God, because through the holiness of her members he illumines the Church "and through whom he gives us, in our frailty, both strength and good example" (Cf. Preface).

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Heb 12: 22-23

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven.

COLLECT

All powerful God, grant that we may be helped through the intercession of all the saints that we venerate today, and grant us this grace, that by meditating on their lives, we may imitate their faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 66: 10-14c

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; Exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, That you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bodies flourish like the grass; The LORD'S power shall be known to his servants.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Tob 13: 8-9. 10. 11. 13. 14-16 (R. cf 14)

R. Happy are those who love Jerusalem.

1. Let all men speak of his majesty, and sing his praises in Jerusalem." O Jerusalem, holy city, he scourged you for the works of your hands.

2. Praise the Lord for his goodness, and bless the King of the ages, so that his tent may be rebuilt in you with joy. May he gladden within you all who were captives; for all generations to come.

3. A bright light will shine to all parts of the earth; many nations shall come to you from afar, and the inhabitants of all the limits of the earth, drawn to you by the name of the Lord God, Bearing in their hands their gifts for the King of heaven.

4. Go, then, rejoice over the children of the righteous, who shall all be gathered together and shall bless the Lord of the ages, who shall all be gathered together and shall bless the Lord of the ages.

5. Happy are those who love you, and happy those who rejoice in your prosperity.
My spirit blesses the Lord, the great King;
Jerusalem shall be rebuilt as his home forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matt 5: 12

R. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, graciously accept the offerings we present to you on this day through the intercession of all the Saints of our Church, and grant that we may merit one day to live with those who have already attained immortality and are always praying for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you eternal praise. Towards her we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith, rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example.

And so we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and Angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 1: 8

You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God Almighty, you who alone are holy, we adore you and we beseech you: give to those who, in faith, know they are in communion with the citizens of heaven, to advance on the path of holiness, that we may pass on from this table where you receive us as pilgrims to the eternal banquet of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.