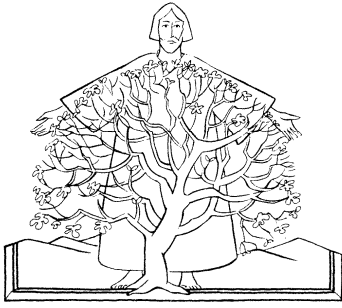


November 15th



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Father of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy. We ask this...

FIRST READING

(The reading from the Book of Daniel puts before us the fact that this world will have an end marked by great upheavals and disasters. However, these will be followed immediately by a new and everlasting existence.)

A reading from the Book of Daniel (12: 1-3)

Michael, the great prince, shall arise who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (15)

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R./

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. R./

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R./

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R./

SECOND READING

(The author of Hebrews stresses that there is no comparison between the intercession that the Old Testament priests made for the chosen people of God and the intercession that Christ has made and continues to make for us.)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10: 11-14, 18)

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

This is the Word of the Lord

ACCLAMATION (Lk 21: 36)

Alleluia, alleluia! Watch at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of man. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(The message we must learn from today's gospel comes across without any ambiguity or doubt: we must always be ready to face our judgement for we know not the day nor the hour when we will be called from this life.)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (13: 24 – 32)

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after the great tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord