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Home Devotional- November 1st-7th

Introduction

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

The banquet of the Lord

Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

Revelation 21:1-6a

A new heaven and a new earth

John 11:32-44

The raising of Lazarus

Questions for Reflection (*Reflect on the scripture passages above and work through the following questions*)

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What do you hear God saying to you?
3. What does God want you to do in response to what you hear God saying?

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN