

# FEAST OF ALL SOULS

First Reading

WISDOM 3:1-9

## A Reading from the Scroll of Wisdom

God protects good people so they will not suffer. It is foolish to think that the death of good people is a terrible way. They leave us but their death is not horrible. In fact, they are at peace. It seems that they have suffered punishment but they have the sure hope of everlasting life. Their sufferings were small compared with the blessings they will receive. God tested them like gold in a furnace and saw them worthy to be with him. He accepted them as he accepted the sacrifices that the worshippers burn on the altar.

God will reward good people. They will shine out against bad people like fire in dry straw. They will rule over the nations and peoples. The Lord will be their king forever. People having faith in God will understand the truth. Faithful people will live with God in his love. God is kind and he protects his people.

The Word of the Lord

All Souls

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is my shepherd. There is  
nothing I want.

The Lord is my shepherd.  
I will always have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in the fields of green grass.  
He gives me new strength to my soul.

**RESPONSE:**

He leads me on the right paths to show he is good.  
Even if I walk through a valley of darkness,  
I will not be afraid. Why?  
Because you are with me, Lord.  
Your staff protects me.

**RESPONSE:**

Lord, you prepared a banquet for me in front of my  
enemies.  
You welcome me as an honored guest.  
And my cup is overflowing.

**RESPONSE:**

(or Romans 6:3-9...see next page)

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope will never disappoint us because God loves us very much. He gives us the Holy Spirit and it fills our hearts with his love. Before we were lost but Christ died for us at the right time.

But more than that God has (already) accepted us. Christ through his blood sacrificed his life for us. It is not easy for someone to die for a good person. But Christ died for us. This proves that God really loves us. With the death of Christ we are now reconciled with God and through him (Christ) we are saved from the anger of God.

Before we were enemies with God and with the death of his son he (God) made peace with us. Now we are friends with God and we can be sure that we are saved. We rejoice because of what God has done for us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Paul said, “You know for sure that when we are baptized into union with Jesus Christ, we were baptized into union with his death. Through our baptism, we are buried with him and shared his death just like Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father so we might have a new life.

Since we have become one with him in dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was. We know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be slaves of sin. When we die, we will be free from the power of sin. Since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from death and will never die again. Death will no longer rule over him.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Lord says, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone believing in me will never die.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 6:37-40

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Everyone and everything that my Father gave me will be mine. I will never turn them away. I did not come down from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me and he wants me to make certain (sure) that none of the ones he gave me will be lost.

He wants me to raise them to life on the last day. My Father wants everyone to accept his Son, to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

The Good News of the Lord

All Souls

