

Reading for November 2nd

Reading 1, 2 Maccabees 12, 43-46

⁴³ after this he took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmas, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an action altogether fine and noble, prompted by his belief in the resurrection. ⁴⁴ For had he not expected the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, ⁴⁵ whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. Hence, he had this expiatory sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 103:8, 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

⁸ Yahweh is tenderness and pity, slow to anger and rich in faithful love; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor repay us as befits our offences.

¹³ As tenderly as a father treats his children, so Yahweh treats those who fear him; ¹⁴ he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for a human person -- his days are like grass, he blooms like the wild flowers; ¹⁶ as soon as the wind blows he is gone, never to be seen there again.

¹⁷ But Yahweh's faithful love for those who fear him is from eternity and for ever; and his saving justice to their children's children; ¹⁸ as long as they keep his covenant, and carefully obey his precepts.

Reading 2, Romans 8, 31b-35.37-39

After saying this, what can we add? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of all of us, then can we not expect that with him he will freely give us all his gifts? ³³ Who can bring any accusation against those that God has chosen? When God grants saving justice ³⁴ who can condemn? Are we not sure that it is Christ Jesus, who died -- yes and more, who was raised from the dead and is at God's right hand -- and who is adding his plea for us? ³⁵ Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ -- can hardships or distress, or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence; ³⁶ as scripture says: For your sake we are being massacred all day long, treated as sheep to be slaughtered? ³⁷ No; we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, ³⁹ nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Halleluja: Joh 11, 25a.26

I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die

Gospel, John 11,17-27

¹⁷ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. ¹⁸ Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, ²² but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? ²⁷ 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'