

The Living Word

All Souls

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First Reading Is 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

or

*(R.) I believe that I shall see the good things
of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. *(R.)*
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 5:5-11

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from
God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of
God has been poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were
still helpless when at his appointed moment
Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to
die even for a good man – though of course

for someone really worthy, a man might be
prepared to die – but what proves that God
loves us is that Christ died for us while we
were still sinners. Having died to make us
righteous, is it likely that he would now fail
to save us from God's anger? When we were
reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we
were still enemies; now that we have been
reconciled, surely we may count on being
saved by the life of his Son? Not merely
because we have been reconciled but
because we are filled with joyful trust in God,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia!

*This is the will of my Father, says
the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that
he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the
last day.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise.

Jesus went to a town called Nain,
accompanied by his disciples and a great
number of people. When he was near the
gate of the town it happened that a dead
man was being carried out for burial, the
only son of his mother, and she was a
widow. And a considerable number of the
townspeople were with her. When the Lord
saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he
said. Then he went up and put his hand on
the bier and the bearers stood still, and he
said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And
the dead man sat up and began to talk, and
Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was
filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A
great prophet has appeared among us; God
has visited his people.' And this opinion of
him spread throughout Judaea and all over
the countryside.



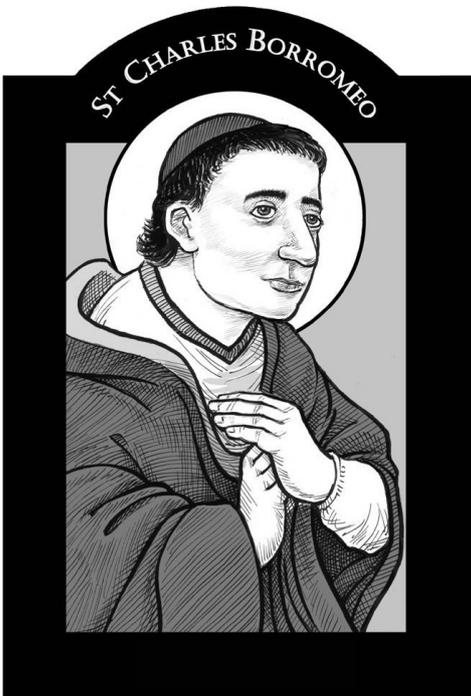
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If we are honest we will have to
admit that though we have died
with Christ to sin and risen with
him to new life, we do not fully die
to sin. In fact, there are many times
in our lives when we live in sin,
when we actually cling to sin. What
happens to those who die in such a
state? They may not have turned
completely away from the
goodness of God, but they have not
been faithful either. The remnants
of sin cling to them, making them
somewhat unfit to stand before the
face of God. Are they lost? Or are
they saved?

In God there is mercy in
abundance. Jesus is not willing to
lose anyone. Therefore, the power
of Jesus and the strength of his
promises give us hope that even
after death there is the possibility
of purification and pardon. We
have no idea of when this might
happen or how it will happen. All
we know is that the lovingkindness
of God far surpasses any infidelity
of which we might be guilty.

The feast of All Souls is not a feast
of sadness, but one of great hope
and confidence. It invites us to
entrust our dead to God, because
we know that they are really God's
dead. We know that if we have
loved them, God has loved them
more. They are in God's care, and
like a good shepherd God will lead
them to peace.

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St Charles Borromeo was born of a wealthy Italian family and was the nephew of Pope Pius IV. At the age of twenty two, he was summoned to Rome and made cardinal and administrator of the Papal states and the archdiocese of Milan. Despite his personal wealth, St Charles lived a simple, ascetic life and was a strong supporter of church reform. In 1564 he was ordained a priest and consecrated as bishop. He founded seminaries and instituted the teaching of doctrine to children in Sunday schools. Never one to ask of another something he was not prepared to do himself, St Charles worked tirelessly to help those in need.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| crowd | mother | son |
| cry | Nain | sorry |
| frightened | praised | stretcher |
| gate | prophet | young |

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 C P H H Y D O Q D G R C R Y
 V S O R R Y T I O B Y D M A
 B U U A G G K F E Y O A P Q
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The people who saw Jesus raise the dead man to life were frightened, but they praised God. Use the words below to find out what they said.

visited

God

appeared

great

people

prophet

