All Saints – 5th November 2023

<u>THE COLLECT</u> WE PRAY TOGETHER God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

<u>The GOSPEL READING</u> - The Sermon on the Mount Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

5 Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them:

- ³ "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;
 - the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!
- ⁴ "Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!
- ⁵ "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!
- ⁶ "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!
- ⁷ "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!
- ⁸ "Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!
- ⁹ "Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!
- ¹⁰ "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you O, Christ

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER – we say together

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared at this table

as strangers and pilgrims here on earth

be welcomed with all your saints

to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.