

# 31st SUN 2 November 25 – Cycle C



### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### ALIVE FOREVER



### **SETTING**

Life is a flow of encounters, lives that come and go.

Today we fondly remember those who have passed away. We name them and observe a moment of silence.

We believe they live on in God, because Jesus promised us: "I am the resurrection and the life."

We give thanks for their presence among us and renew our faith in the love that conquers death. May this encounter inspire us to live with hope and to sow life, as they did.

SONG; COME AND GO WITH ME TO MY FATHERS HOUSE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17TncDDYxwI

### **GOSPEL - John 14, 1-6**

"Do not be troubled; believe in God, and believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would not have told you that I go to prepare a place for you. And after I have gone and prepared a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also. Where I am going, you know the way." Then Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## To internalize and understand the Word today

**Lamentation 3, 17-26** A passage from the Book of Lamentations that describes the despair and utter anguish of the speaker, who feels abandoned by God. Despite such darkness, these verses end on a note of hope, affirming that God's faithfulness and mercy are unwavering.

**Psalm 119** This psalm is the longest of all the psalms. It is an acrostic poem (organized according to the Hebrew alphabet) that celebrates God's law—His word, His commandments, His precepts—and expresses the psalmist's fervent desire to follow it. It is a prayer for wisdom, strength, and forgiveness, pointing out that true joy and life come from obedience to God's will, not from wealth or social status.

Romans 6, 3-9. Paul explains how baptism unites us to the death and resurrection of Christ, freeing us from the slavery of sin to live a new life in service to God. The text also emphasizes that, having died to sin through baptism, having broken our relationship with the law and the power of sin, we can now walk in a life with Christ, "living for God."

John 14, 1-6. John offers us Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples, encouraging them not to let their hearts be saddened by the Master's imminent departure. Jesus assures them that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house and that he will return to seek them out and take them with him. The key to understanding this account of John's is found in Jesus' statement: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one

comes to the Father without passing through me." He also says this to us in our present, just as it is.

## Prayer clues

- Today we are grateful for the lives of so many people who have gone before us and from whom we have learned, who have accompanied us, who have helped us grow...
- I ask myself: what am I keeping in my heart for "the day of the last journey"?



#### AMBIENTAL MUSIC

COME, HEAVY SLEEP (J. DOWLAND) SCORE ANIMATION <a href="https://youtu.be/FqmfygIWp60?si=1xAD">https://youtu.be/FqmfygIWp60?si=1xAD</a> eeZ25X1gg7k

#### LOVE THAT WINS

Today, Lord, we name those who have passed away, but not as absent, but as living roots that continue to nourish our faith from within. They walked with you, we walked together. They did good in silence and left their mark on our hands and in our hearts. God of life, God who broadens and does not confine, you make us into seeds, and their fruit continues to be born within us. Believing in You, Jesus, is not looking up to heaven and sighing, It's looking here and now And making it concrete, it's setting the heart in motion and making love known. You are "resurrection and life." We believe it even if sadness sometimes pains us, even if doubt makes us tremble. Teach us to live resurrected. with a clear gaze,

with a gentle gaze, with a broad gaze, with a firm step, with a soul open to the pain of others. May we not fear the end, the passing, the absence, because the end is your embrace, and your embrace has no shores, no clocks, no forgetting. Make us a grateful memory, open today to the future, not museums of the past, but burning fires that give light and warmth to those who arrive. May every tear be a seed, may every word be a gesture, may every name speak remind us that death is just a step away from love. And when our time comes, may we feel you near. May we hear our name, in the resounding silence, from the life that gives itself without further ado.

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