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Holy Hour in Honor of the Solemnity of All Saints (All Saints' Day)

THEME: Holiness

Exposition Hymn: O Sacrament Most Holy (by Fulda)

(Kneel)

Opening Prayer: Psalm 8

(All)Antiphon: How great is name, o Lord, for with glory and honor you have crowned your saints; you have set them over the works of your hands.

Your majesty is praised above the heavens; *
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy, *
to silence the foe and the rebel. (Res.)

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, *
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind, *
mortal man that you care for him? (Res.)

Yet you have made him little less than a god; *
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands, *
put all things under his feet. (Res.)

All of them, sheep and cattle, *
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish *
that make their way through the waters. (Res.)

All: Almighty God, thank you for the example of the Saints.

We desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Help us to follow their footsteps, help us to conform ourselves to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Help us to devote ourselves, and all that we do, to Your glory, and to the service of our neighbors.

We ask this through your Son Jesus, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever amen.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Sing With All the Saints of Glory (Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: Seek Ye First

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Gospel Reflection: (Sit)

Through the Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel, we learn the master plan of how to imitate the holy and saintly life of Jesus Christ. By imitating Christ, Christ transforms us into living images of Himself. This path to holiness is the way of the Beatitudes – the ways of blessedness:

Blessed are the poor in spirit – Be humble – realize all your gifts come from God;

Blessed are they who mourn – Mourn for your sins and cry out for God's mercy;

Blessed are the meek – Be gentle, kind to others, and obedient to God and His ways;

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness – Do to others what you would have them do to you, and seek the perfection of Christ;

Blessed are the merciful – Forgive others as Christ has forgiven you;

Blessed are the clean of heart – Be free of selfishness and give only good to others;

Blessed are the peacemakers – Be compassionate and forgiving; this conveys peace;

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness ... when they insult you ... because of me – For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection (Roman 6:5).

The ways of holiness are difficult; indeed, they are impossible if one attempts them on his/her own. However, with God all things are possible. **By surrendering into his care, God will transform us into His saints – His holy people!**

Response Hymn: Blessed Are They

Silent Reflection: Like the saints, do i seek the path of holiness?

Saints and their Ways of Holiness....

Holiness is simply the state of grace purified, illuminated, beautified by the most perfect purity, exempt not only from mortal sin but also from the smallest faults; purity will make saints of you!

--St. Peter Eymard

Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well.

--St. Anthony Mary Claret

"Have a real living determination to reach holiness...I will strip my heart of all created things; I will live in poverty and detachment; I will renounce my will, my inclinations, my whims and fancies, and make myself a willing slave to the will of God."

--Blessed Mother Teresa

If God gives you an abundant harvest of trials, it is a sign of great holiness which He desires you to attain. All the pleasures of the world are nothing compared with the sweetness found in the gall and vinegar offered to Jesus Christ. That is, hard and painful things endured for Jesus Christ and with Jesus Christ.

--Saint Ignatius of Loyola

All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be.

--Saint Francis de Sales

Holiness consists in doing good, and in doing this good in whatever condition and place God has placed us. Nothing more, nothing outside of this.

--Blessed Louis Tezza

Litany of the Saints

(Kneel)

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Saint Michael,

Saint Gabriel,

Saint Raphael,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint James,
Saint John,
Saint Thomas,
Saint James,
Saint Philip,
Saint Bartholomew,
Saint Matthew,
Saint Simon,
Saint Thaddeus,
Saint Matthias,
Saint Barnabas,
Saint Luke,
Saint Mark,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of the Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Vincent,
Saints Fabian and Sebastian,
Saints John and Paul,
Saints Cosmos and Damian,
Saints Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy martyrs,
Saint Sylvester,
Saint Gregory,
Saint Ambrose,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Jerome,
Saint Martin,
Saint Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
Saint Anthony,
Saint Benedict,
Saint Bernard,
Saint Dominic,
Saint Francis,
All ye holy priests and levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Agatha,
Saint Lucy,
Saint Agnes,
Saint Cecilia,
Saint Catherine,
Saint Anastasia,
Saint Clare,

All ye holy virgins and widows, pray for us.
All ye holy men and women, saints of God, make intercession for us.

The Lord's Prayer

(stand)

Concluding Prayer:

Father, all-power and ever-living God, we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love.

We ask this through your Son Jesus, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: Humbly Lord We worship You

(Kneel)