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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – October 31, 2021 – All Hallows' Eve**  
**8:30 am – The Holy Eucharist Rite 1 – BCP page 323 and following**

**10:00 am – An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, BCP p, 400 ff**

☩ *Please wear a mask & observe social distance whether or not you are vaccinated.*

☩ *Also note: **This color print signifies music.** Bold, black Italics signifies "say in unison."*

☩ *We are excited to announce that Rita and Joel MacAuslan are offering to match gifts in honor of Deacon John LeSueur – Please mark your (new) gift for this purpose by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.*

☩ *Up-coming dates – Diocesan Convention 11/5-6; Merrimack Faith Communities 7 pm 11/11; Next BC 11/19; Thanksgiving Service 7 pm, Thursday 11/18 at the LDS Church*

☩ *We would love your contributions to be placed at the Consignment Corner – Contact Vicar Pat.*

**Gathering and Announcements – Opening Hymn #551 – Rise up, ye saints of God**

**The Collect for Purity – Unison – Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Scripture Reading – Ruth 1:1-18**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ☩ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ☩ So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

**The Gradual Hymn #517 – How lovely is thy dwelling place**

**A Gospel Reading – Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Homily – The masks of God**

An Offering – Intercessions and Thanksgivings ☩ The Eucharistic Minister leads the Prayers of the People –

Ukuthula: *May our Creator Renew us in this world of weariness (Hallelujah)*

Ukuthula: *May our Creator bring us Healing and Comfort in this world of need (Hallelujah)*

Ukuthula: *May our Lord bring us Peace in this world of discord (Hallelujah)*

Ukuthula: *May our Lord bring us Redemption in this world of troubles (Hallelujah)*

Ukuthula: *May the Holy Spirit awaken our Gratefulness in this world of hard-heartedness (Hallelujah)*

Ukuthula: *May the Holy Spirit inspire our Hearts in this world of indifference (Hallelujah)*

✚ Unison: *Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

✚ Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**At the Offertory & Preparation of the Altar (Song Sheet) – Guide us, Lord of all (NEJ-C)**

**Consecration of Bread and Wine – The Great Thanksgiving**



Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant Let us pray together:

***We give thanks to God for the work and blessing of Creation – and for sending Christ into the world in Love and Peace. We remember before God our hope in gathering today ...***

🎵 ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!  
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say, the words: You are holy, Lord!***

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ☩ After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

***Recalling Christ's suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this remembrance of your unfailing love.***

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

***We pray that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.***

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion**

**Hymn (Song Sheet) – The Greatest Commandment ☩** Then the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Blessing – Recessional Hymn WLP #819 – Guide my feet Lord**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Ukuthula. ***Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.***

