**Worship Plan for Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hear, O people of God: our God is one.

Hear the commandments of our God.

**Love your God with all your heart,**

**and with all your soul,**

**and with all your mind,**

**and with all your strength.**

Hear, O people of God: our God is one.

Recite these words to your children

and hold them in your hearts.

**Love your neighbor as yourself.**

**There are no commandments**

**greater than these calls to love.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans,

to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

**God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry**

**that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.**

Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart,

understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice

for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

**God, we hear your call, But all around us are competing calls**

**of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.**

Again and again, you urge us to seek you first.

We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves.

**Yet we fear that our “land of milk and honey” Has become a land of moral famine**

**and economic hardship, And we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.**

Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding

but in all our ways to acknowledge you,

**and yet we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.**

As we prepare our hearts and minds at times we forget to observe

your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice.

**Again, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us,**

**our neighbors, our nation, and our world.**

Hear, O people of God the word of the Lord:

“Do not be afraid! I will never leave you or forsake you.”

Know that our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it.

For while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Your sins are forgiven, + God loves you completely and

God calls you to live with love for God, self, and neighbor

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Surrounded this day by memories of those who have blessed our lives in so many ways, we pray that in our singing, sharing, praying, and silences,

O God, you will hear our gratitude.

**Amen.**

*(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE FIRST READING**:  Ruth 1:1-18

A reading from Ruth.

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 reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he 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. //

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *For All the Saints (ELW 422 vs 1, 2, 7)*

**CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at**

**the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge**

**the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending, the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We thank you, O God, for deep and lasting relationships that give without counting the cost.

(pause for reflection) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for that great commandment to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

(pause for reflection) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you this day for prophets and apostles, women, men, and children who declare the good news of your love. Especially on this All Saints Sunday, we remember those from our congregation who have died in the past year.

Martha Dovala, Mackie Felton, & Don Ganzhorn

And we rejoice with those who have been baptized in the past year.

Bella Felton, & Benjamin Schevey

We thank you for Ruth and Naomi, for our own families and mentors and friends, and for Jesus and everyone whose lives have helped shape us in our faith

(pause for reflection) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And we pray, loving God, for all your people – saints around the world who seek to continue your Reign in our world. Guide them, and us, in the paths of justice, kindness, & love each day.

**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,   
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection which renews the face of the earth, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**Go forth, following as the Holy Spirit leads you,

moving in love and compassion, pursuing justice and mercy,

and trusting in the God of peace.

For the Source of all life and love, the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

is as close as your very breath. Breathe deeply.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (ELW 873 vs. 1, 2, 6)*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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