



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

WELCOME

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God
with our whole heart, mind, and
soul, and to love our neighbors
as ourselves.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great
Commandment: To love the
Lord with all our heart, soul, and
mind and to love our neighbors
as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.

If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home,
we'd love to get to know you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Processional Hymn

Bulletin Insert

Love, Love, Love, Love

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Celebrant 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 Gloria

said in unison

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

Ruth 1:1-18

Reader A reading from the book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
*whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

Reader A reading from the letter of Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

Gospel Hymn

Pew Folder, pg. 107

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

The Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Pew Folder, pg. 44

I Love You, Lord

Homily

Mtr. Radha Kaminski

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord!
Let us seek God with all our hearts, praying,
“Direct our ways; **make straight our paths.**”

Intercessor Lord our God, bind your gospel on our lips, fix it
in our minds, and write it on our hearts. May the
world see and know that your Church loves you.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; the
Standing Committees of Eastern and Western
Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our
Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

The Bishop Whittemore Foundation
St. Gregory’s, Muskegon – Lily Marx, Rector

We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls
to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular,
we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the
Sacred Order of Priests, including Alicia, Joe,
Natalie, Alex, Derek, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt,
Dell, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also
for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred
Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim,
Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude
the retired clergy of the diocese.

Silence

Intercessor Direct our ways;
People Make straight our paths.

Intercessor You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves. As a nation, teach us to value our neighbors around the world, treating them with dignity and respect. Help us, O God, to keep your commandments.

We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*

Intercessor Direct our ways;
People Make straight our paths.

Intercessor You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Teach us to value our neighbors---in our city, around the corner, and even next door. Help us, O God, to keep your commandments. *Silence*

Intercessor Direct our ways;
People Make straight our paths.

Intercessor You have ordered and established the world in which we live, Creator God. Give us wisdom and grace to honor your creation. *Silence*

Intercessor Direct our ways;
People Make straight our paths.

Intercessor Do not forsake your beloved ones in misery. Heal, O God, those in need.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer:
Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike, John, Erika, Penney,
Keith, Mike, George, Barb, Jim, Lori, Deliah,
Barbaranne, Renee, Linda;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:
Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Patsy, Michelle,
Richard, Eileen;

For our family and friends in the armed forces and
who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt,
Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Eli

And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Intercessor Direct our ways;
People **Make straight our paths.**

Intercessor Almighty God, you offer your children eternal
redemption. We commend to your mercy all those
who have died. *Silence*

Intercessor Direct your ways;
People **Make straight our paths.**

Celebrant Almighty and ever living God, you have made all
things in your wisdom and established the
boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may
obey your voice in this world, and in the world to
come may enjoy that rest and peace which you
have appointed for your people; through Jesus
Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives
and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we encourage a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The celebrant says the offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn *From All That Dwell below the Skies, Instrumental*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP, pg. 372

All stand as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able. Then the celebrant continues.

Celebrant **Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our
redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his
descent among the dead, proclaiming his
resurrection and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us, this bread and
this cup, we praise you and we bless you.**

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The celebrant continues.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Please come down the center aisle to the front of the altar to receive communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest for one when you come forward.

Communion Hymn **Duet by Jim Pals & Anita Hunt**
Wherever You Go

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the common wealth of heaven. Amen.

The Blessing

All stand as able.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Pew Folder, pg. 66

Let There Be Love

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

About All Hallows' Eve



Celebrate All Hallows' Eve with Mtr. Radha and her husband, Matthew tonight at 6 pm on Facebook live!

All Hallows' Eve is the evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The BOS provides a form for a service on All Hallows' Eve. This service begins with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings from scripture. The options for the readings include the

Witch of Endor (1 Sm 28:3-25), the Vision of Eliphaz the Temanite (Jb 4:12-21), the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez37;1-14), and the War in Heaven (Rv 12:[1-6]7-12). The readings are followed by a psalm, canticle, or hymn, and a prayer. The BOS notes that “suitable festivities and entertainments” may precede or follow the service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place.

The popular name for this festival is Halloween. It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The church “adopted” this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of Oct. 31.

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