

12th July 2020

Ruth: From isolation to community

Welcome to the second of our services on the Book of Ruth. The Book of Ruth comes after the Book of Judges in our Bible. The lawlessness, community destroying character of Israel depicted in the final horrifying chapters of the Book of Judges contrast hugely with the central characters of the Book of Ruth who live according to God's ways and so ensure abundance for the whole community. This service takes up the story as Ruth and Naomi travel to and arrive in Bethlehem.

May you continue to know God's presence with you in this worship and throughout your life.

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord! Shout God's praise
in songs of worship
and the silent ache of your heart
in shouts for justice
and tears for those injured and oppressed
Bless the Lord! Shout God's praise
may all you do and all you are
resound with the praise of God
and shine with the light of God's love.
Come praise God!

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power has made
that will he ever cherish,
and will, unfailing, soon and late,
with loving-kindness nourish;
and where he rules in kingly might
there all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand,
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!**

Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690), Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)
and Honor Mary Thwaites (1914–1993)

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Psalm 34:1-8

Prayers of Praise

"O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in
him."

Take a moment to recognise God's
presence and to remember all you have to
praise God for.

In our joy and our sorrow
in sweetness and bitterness
you are our God **we praise you**

In blossoming gardens,
fields ready for harvest
and in dry deserts
you are our God **we praise you**

In rooms crowded with those we love
and in the silence of isolation
you are our God **we praise you**

In times when we know you are near
and in times when you feel absent
you are our God **we praise you**

Ever-present God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit
you are our God **we praise you**
Amen

Ealing Trinity Methodist Circuit

Blessèd be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow,
blessèd be your name.

And blessèd be your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessèd be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say:*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your name.*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your glorious name.*

Blessèd be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's 'all as it should be,'
blessèd be your name.

And blessèd be your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessèd be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise....*

**You give and take away,
you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessèd be your name.**

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Ruth 1:22-2:20

Sermon

Bringing our Offering
**Father we are here (x3)
we are here for you**

**Jesus we are here...
Spirit we are here...**

Prayers of Intercession

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my
sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his
love.**

The Blessing

Notices and Dates

Sunday 26th July 4pm
Farewell Service and Tea for Lemia & Yemi
On Zoom

Please send recordings of 'This, this is the
God' and 'We are marching' to Rachel
ASAP (backing tracks on Youtube)

Join in from your sofa, and bring your own
tea and cake!

Bible Studies: Fellowship
Thursdays 2pm or 8.15pm on Zoom

Small Group Worship
Why not gather together a small group to
worship together following this service or
the Healing Service? Please follow
government guidelines for how many can
gather.

Prayer Group
Tuesdays 8pm on Zoom

Circuit Welcome Service
Sunday 6th August 2020 4pm