

# Xtra! 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 - Ruth & Boaz

We still cannot gather together in St John's, but we can gather spiritually as we worship today. So first, refresh yourselves with something to eat and drink and then set your space as we sing:

**Gathering Song: Come into his presence singing Alleluia...**

*During which a table is set (green cloth) and candle is lit.*

## **Greeting**

Peace be with you  
**And also with you**

## **Kyrie Confession**

*Think about the past week and wonder what we could have done better, or maybe what we shouldn't have done at all! Then:*

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [pause]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [pause]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [pause]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria:** *"Anderson" Gloria*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITFmu1LepTE>

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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Lord God, heavenly king  
peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.

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## **Reading:** *Ruth & Boaz*

Our story today follows on from the story we heard a few weeks ago about Ruth and Naomi. Although Naomi and her daughter in law, Ruth, had returned to Bethlehem their troubles weren't over...

**Ruth Meets Boaz in the Grain Field (Ruth 2: 1-12)**

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.”

Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.” So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The LORD be with you!”

“The LORD bless you!” they answered.

Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, “Who does that young woman belong to?”

The overseer replied, “She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.”

So Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, listen to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are

thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.”

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?”

Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

## **Wondering questions**

- I wonder if you have ever gone without food? How did you feel?
- I wonder how Ruth felt going to pick up the grain (glean) in Boaz's field?
- I wonder why Boaz wanted to help Ruth?

## **Activity**

Get a piece of paper and go hunting for a few loose coins. Draw them / or make rubbings of them in different colours. If you have found the loose coins then perhaps you could give them to a charity of your choice.

**Song:** (link below)

*Father I place into your hands*

Father I place into your hands  
The things that I can't do.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The times that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands  
My friends and family  
Father, I place into your hands  
The things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The person I would be,  
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to seek your face,  
We love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
And in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
And in your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you  
And do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That you are speaking too.

Father, I want to love the ones  
That you will draw to you,  
For I know that I am one with you.

## **Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, when we come to you for protection we know that you will bless us. Amen.**

On a sheet of paper write: **"May God bless...."** then add the names of people or places that come to mind

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from  
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**May the lightness of God go with you.  
May the brightness of God go with you.  
May he shine on all you do.  
May God bless you.**

## **Messy Grace**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all, now and for ever more.  
Amen**

## **Resources:**

Refreshments

Green cloth, candle, matches

Paper, crayons and a few loose coins