

Light a candle

Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing

“Here I am Lord” - <https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c>

“By Our Love” – For King and Country <https://youtu.be/cEwb51LawAI>

“God of Wonders” – Third Day <https://youtu.be/0M8XK2w7wmw>

God’s Word

Read: Ruth 2:1-18

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Reflection

Ruth’s decision to remain with Naomi and move to Bethlehem meant leaving her heritage behind and being a foreigner for the rest of her life. It also meant that she trusted in God to care for and protect her. God provided for foreigners and poor people through the laws He established with His people. Areas of crops were set aside for the poor to obtain food, and so God provided for these two faithful women. As we read this story we see how God cared for them and protected them. We see how Naomi and Ruth were created through God’s workmanship to fulfil the works he had prepared for them. We are reminded that being faithful to God helps us to grow in wisdom and strength, and prepares us for the works he has prepared for us to do.

Activity (optional)

Do you know of people who are new to your community? Can you think of ways that you can serve God by helping to provide for the needs of others?

Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“Morning Has Broken” - <https://youtu.be/2wzMqtbubzs>

“Trust in You” – Lauren Daigle https://youtu.be/n_aVFVveJNs

“On Eagle’s Wings” - <https://youtu.be/MvpjxfWrjzY>

Bible verses

John 6:25-35 The Bread from Heaven

Catechism

The Lord's Prayer

- Sixth Prayer: Lead us not into temptation.

Prayer

Our Father, we know that you love us, care for us and protect us. We confess that we are sinful and can wander astray in so many ways. We ask Lord that you would keep us safe from evil and those who work against you. Protect us from those who would try to trick us or convince us to wander away from you or cause us to give up hope. We thank you that you sent your only Son to die for us, to save us from sin and death. We thank you for Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who calls us, protects us, leads us towards good things, and carries us when we are weak. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord be with us and look after us. Amen.

