

Collect and Lessons for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

October 17, 2021

*The Collect for This Sunday*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Old Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of the Book of Ruth beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

<sup>5</sup> And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

<sup>7</sup> Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup> And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

<sup>10</sup> And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

<sup>11</sup> And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

<sup>12</sup> Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

<sup>13</sup> Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it

grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

<sup>14</sup> And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

<sup>15</sup> And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

<sup>16</sup> And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

<sup>17</sup> Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

<sup>18</sup> When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

*Psalm 69: 33-37*

33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad: \* seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the Lord hearth the poor, \* and despiseth not his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth praise him:\* the sea and all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah,\* that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it;\* and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

### *The New Testament Lesson*

A reading from the 5th Chapter of Paul's First Letter to Timothy beginning at the 3rd verse:

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are truly widows. <sup>4</sup> But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, <sup>6</sup> but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

<sup>7</sup> Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. <sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

## The Gospel Lesson

A reading from the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 3rd verse:

<sup>3</sup> The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

<sup>4</sup> And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

<sup>5</sup> And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

<sup>7</sup> They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

<sup>8</sup> He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

<sup>10</sup> His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

<sup>11</sup> But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

<sup>12</sup> For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

<sup>13</sup> Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.