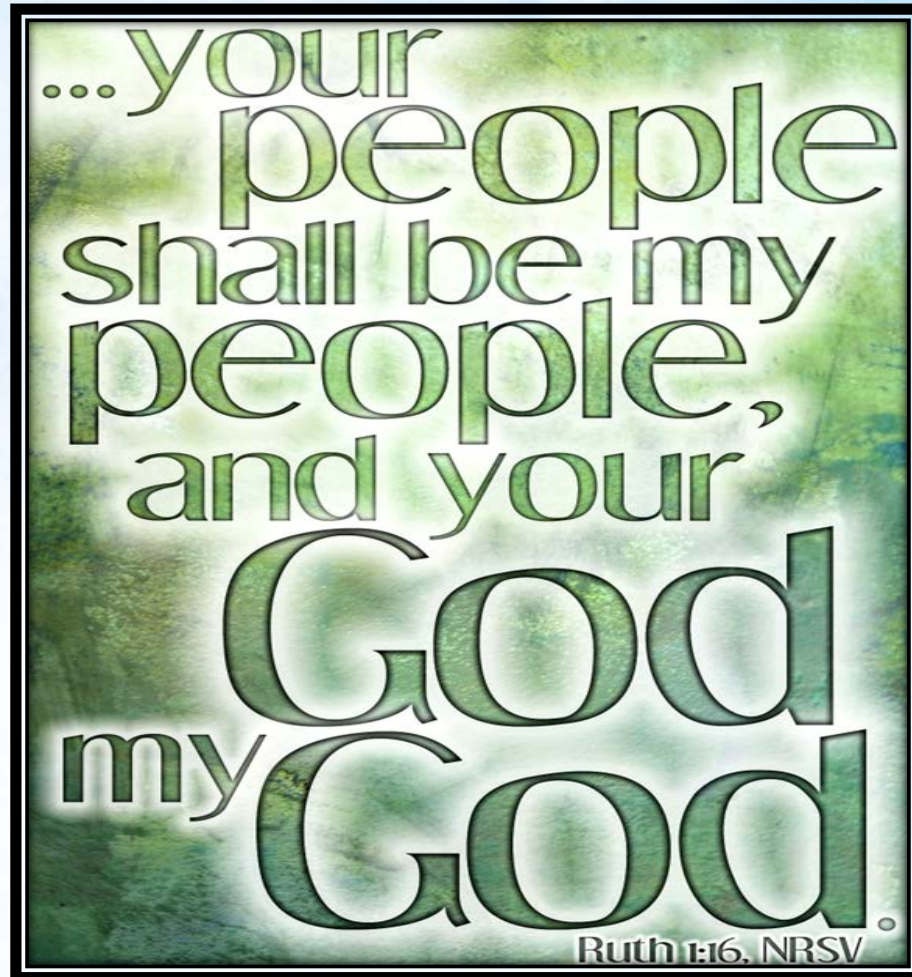


**WELCOME!**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**



**October 15, 2023**

- \* = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**L: God of all that is,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We have failed to trust you to care for us. We have tried to be our own god in our lives and the lives of others. We have not listened to your call, nor lived in faithfulness to you. We have caused harm directly and indirectly to ourselves, our neighbors, and your creation.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: In your infinite grace and mercy, forgive and restore us, so that with your help, we might become the people you created us to be.**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

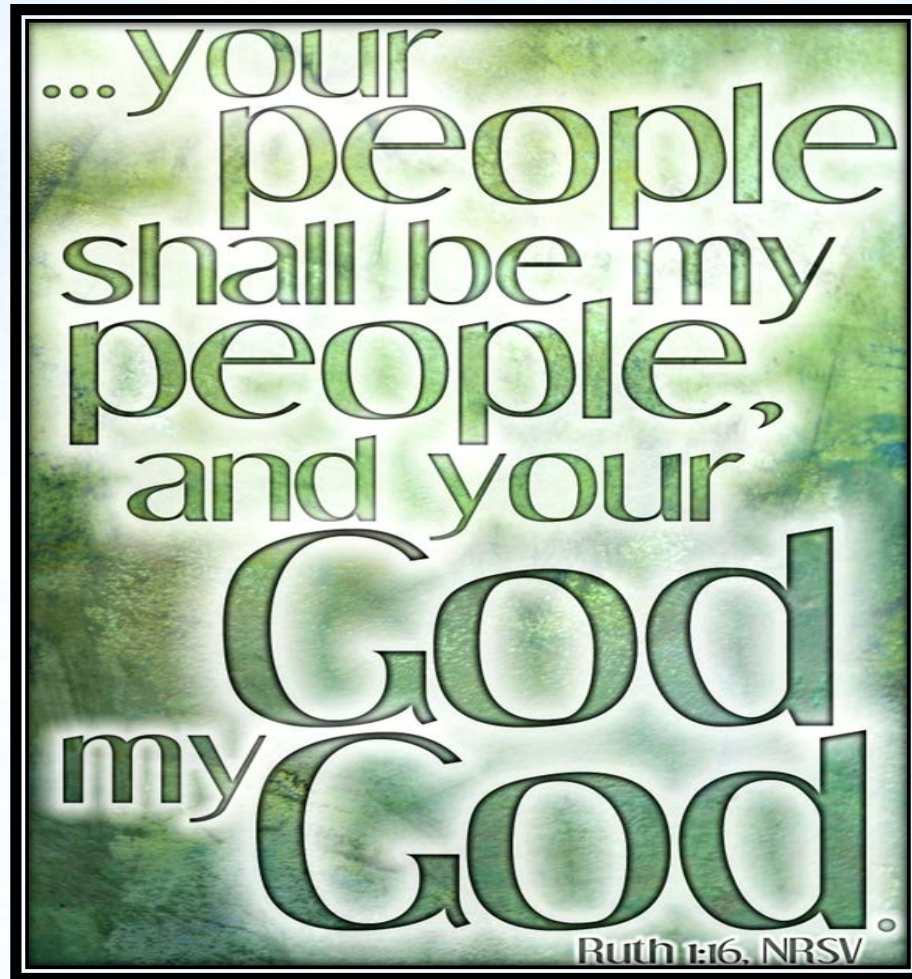
**L: Hear the good news: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made new creations in Christ Jesus, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives us all our sin. ✝ Walk with God in this newness of life.**

**C: Amen.**

# \*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

LBW 290



1 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there’s a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place  
where earth’s sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav’n.

There is no place  
where earth’s failings  
have such kindly judgment giv’n.



**2 There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.**

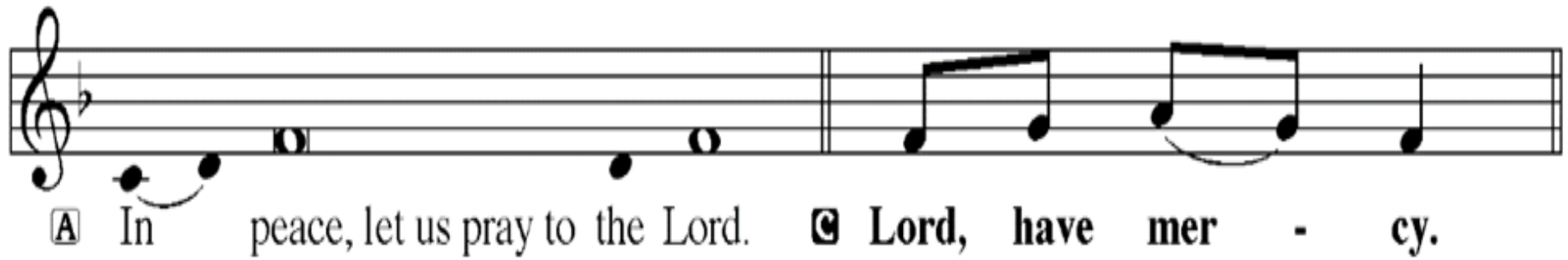
**4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all sunshine  
in the sweetness of our Lord.**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

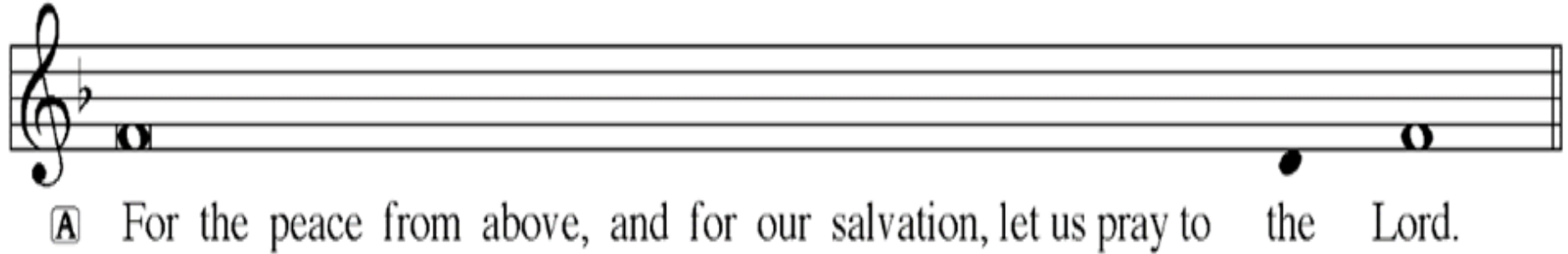
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: And also with you.**

# \* KYRIE



[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

# \* KYRIE



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

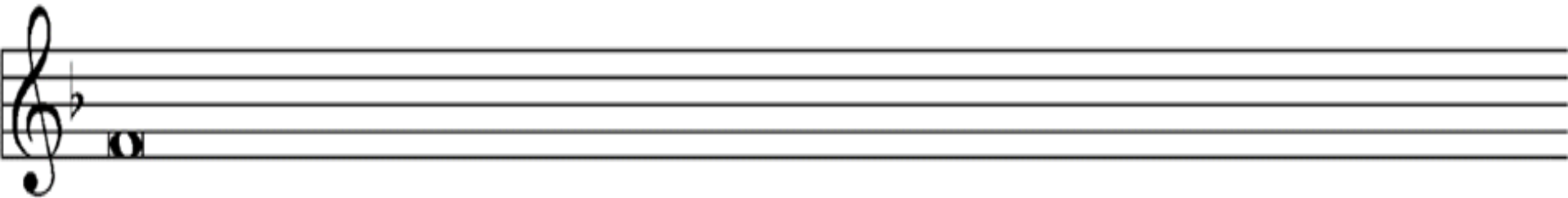


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

# \* KYRIE



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;  
peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.**



## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive  
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

## **\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;  
Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit,  
glory be to God on high!**

# \* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray... God of the journey, give us the commitment of Ruth, that we might follow your call, no matter how challenging it may seem. Open our ears to hear your words now and always, in Jesus name.

**C:** Amen



# • Scripture Reading

**L:** Our scripture reading for this day is from Ruth, Chapter 1.

**C:** Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)*

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

**<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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**

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

**<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two**



- **Ruth 1:1-17**

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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters,

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>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, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

**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.**

**<sup>17</sup>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!"**

- **Ruth 1:1-17**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**  
***(Spoken)***

# Sermon

...your  
people  
shall be my  
people,  
and your

God  
my God.

Ruth 1:16. NRSV

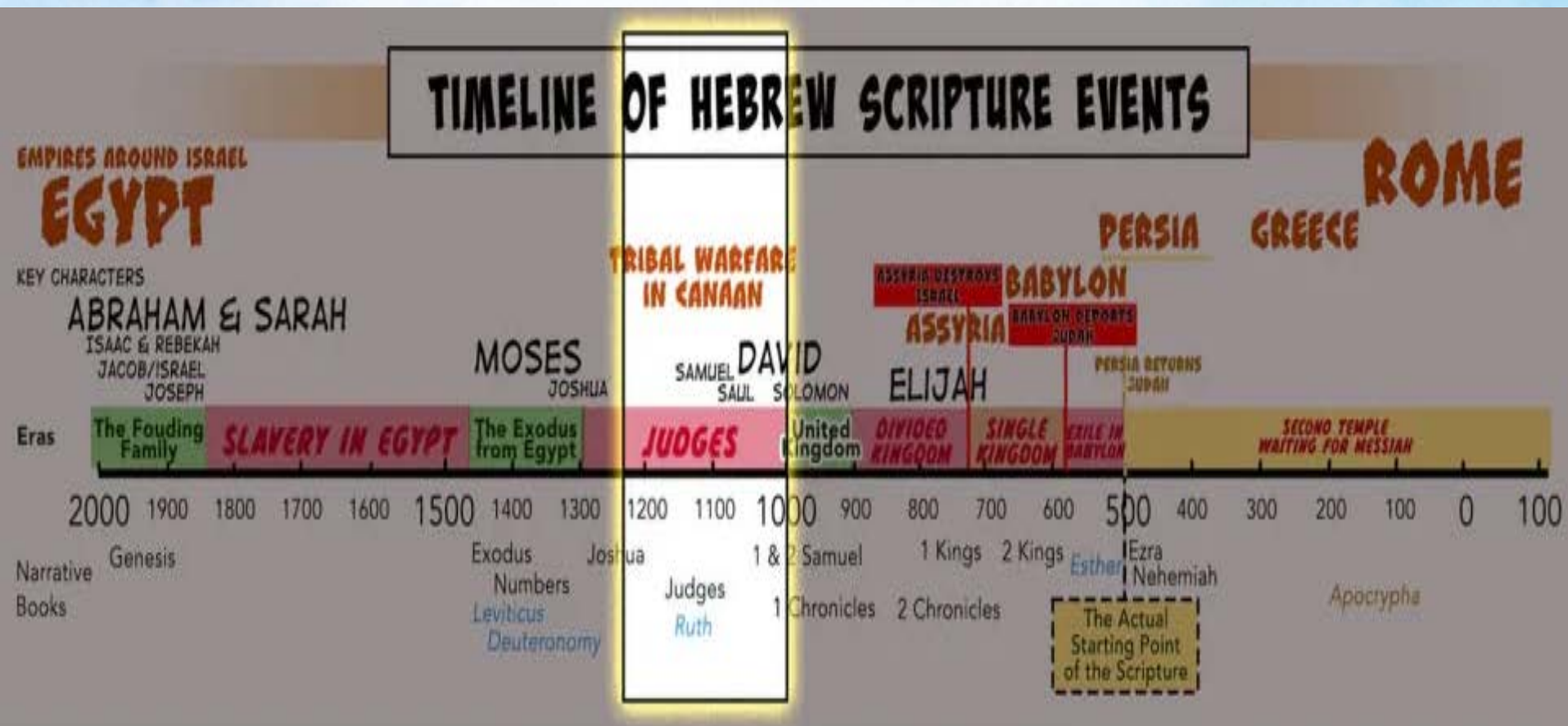
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**Happily, Ever After...**

# Sermon

## The Setting of Ruth in the time of the Judges

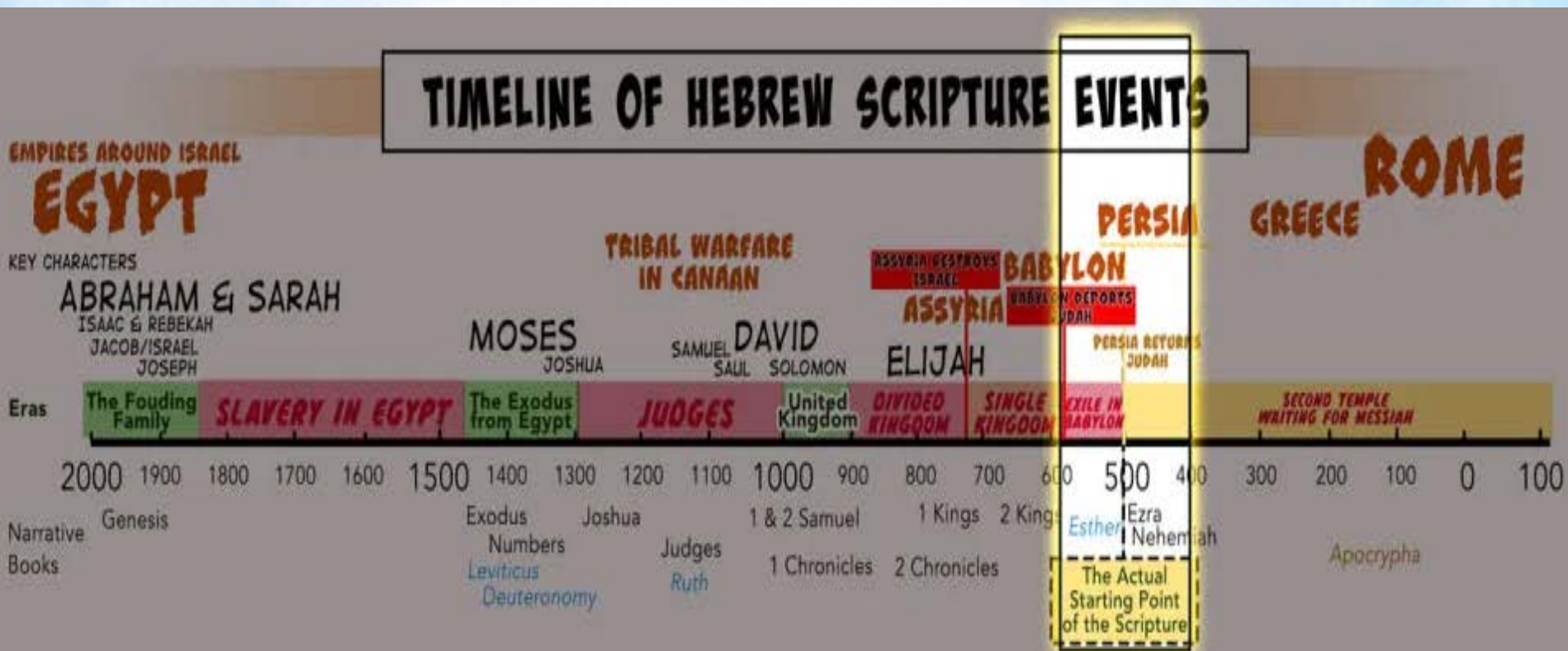




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## The Writing of Ruth

### After the Return of the Exiles



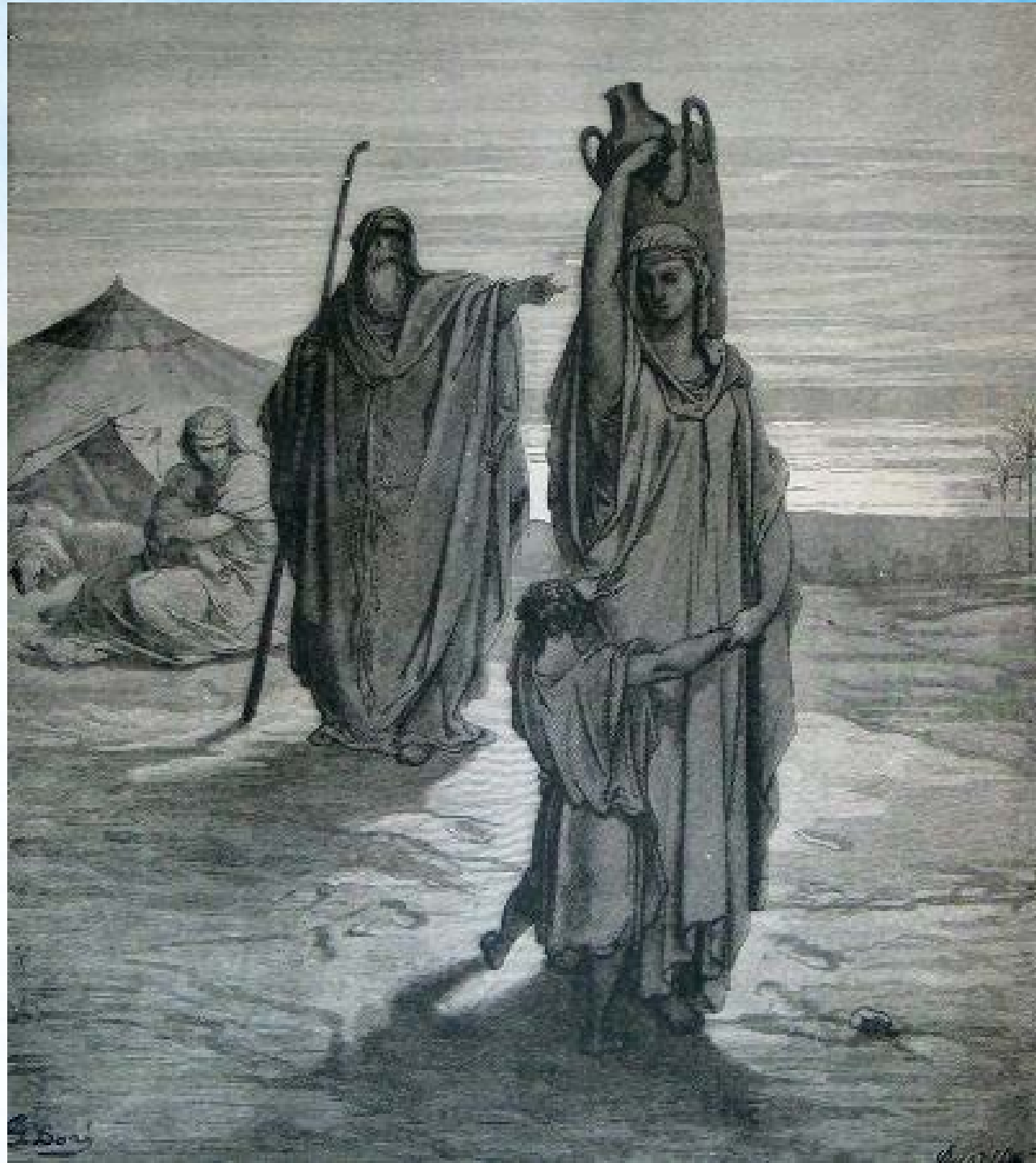
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Captivity....



The Return  
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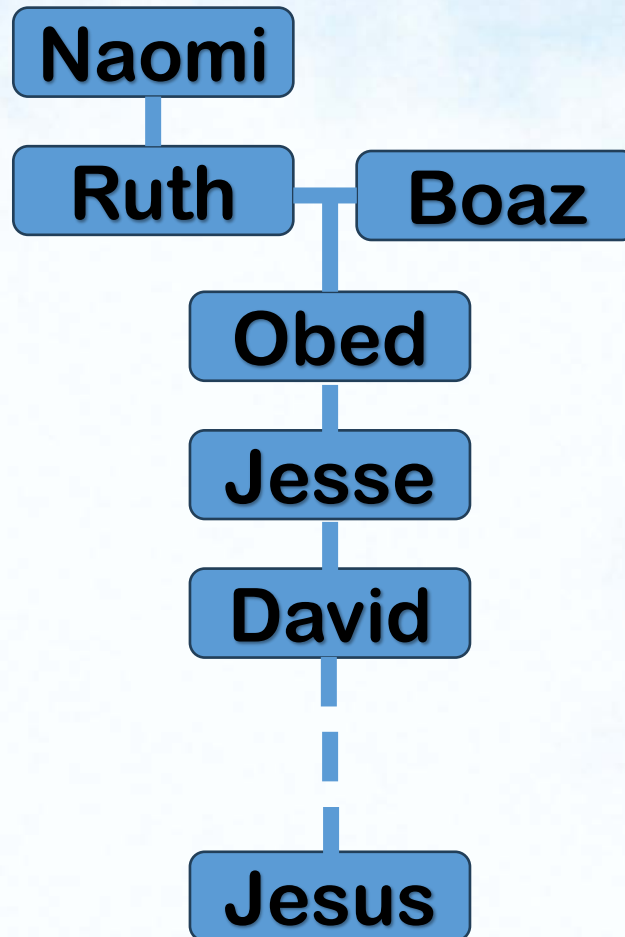


# Sermon



# Sermon

## Ruth's Family Tree



# Sermon





# Sermon

...your  
people  
shall be my  
people,  
and your

God  
my God.

Ruth 1:16. NRSV

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth.**

## **\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: Eternal God,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

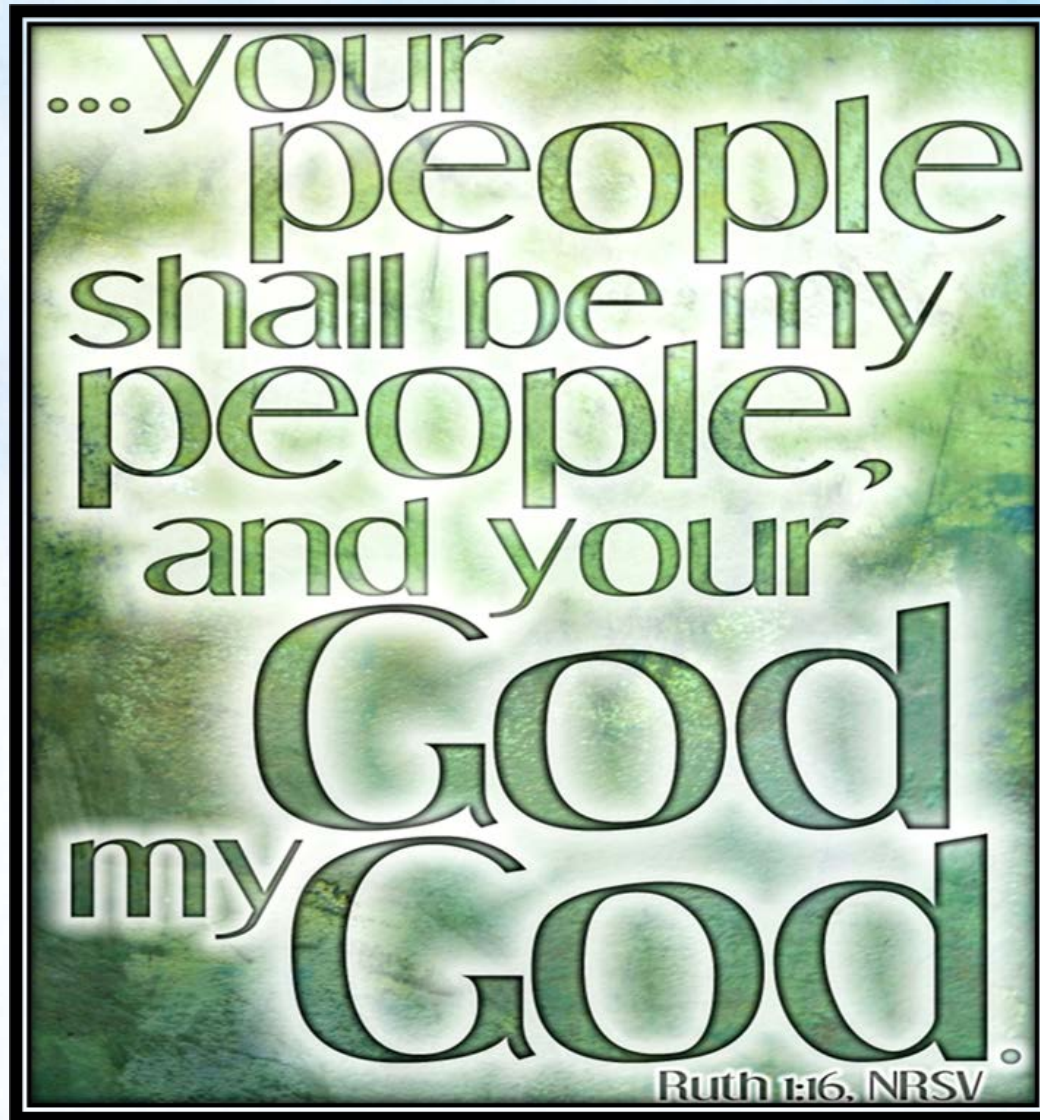
# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

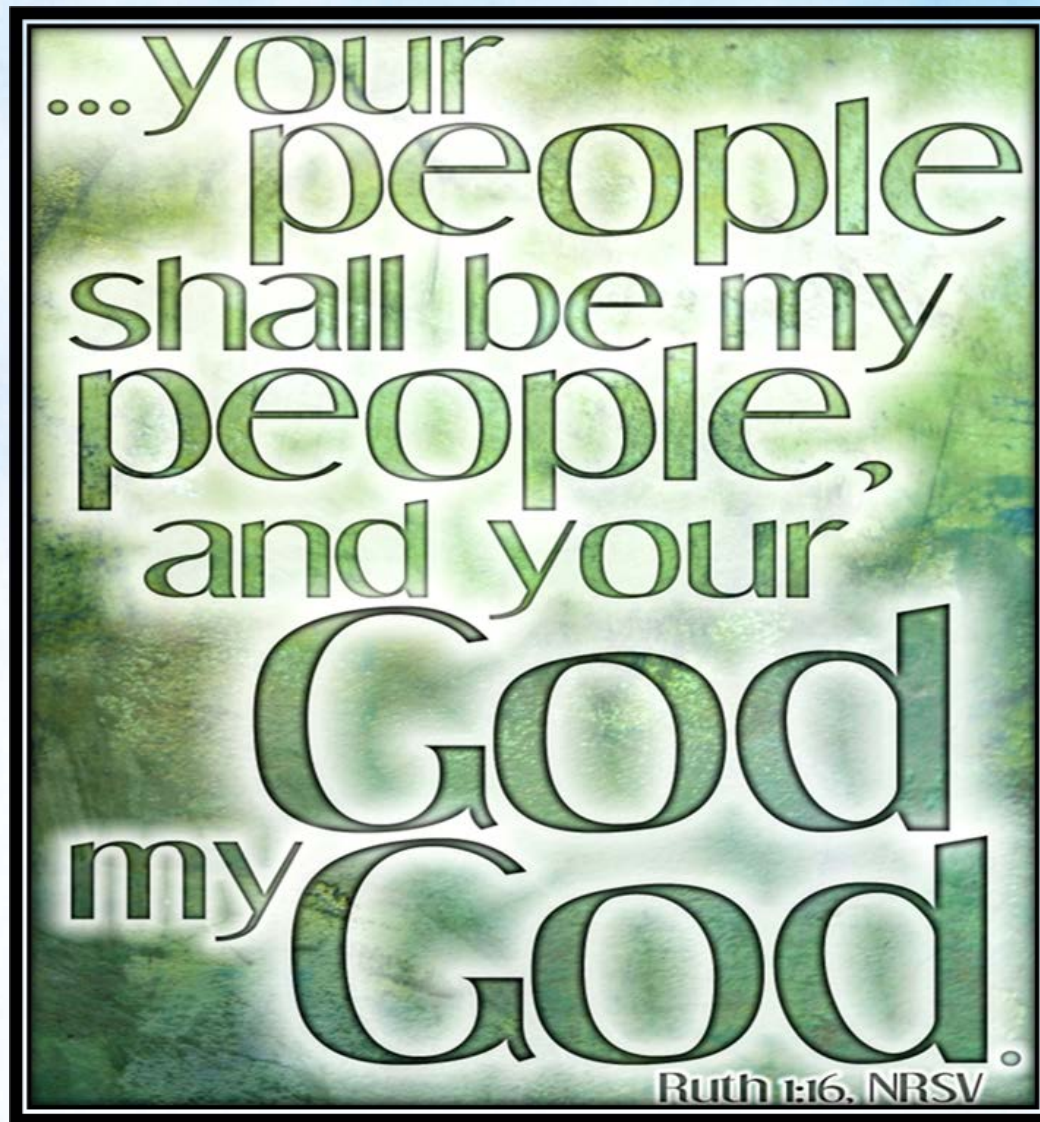
**C:** Amen.

- **OFFERING**






# \* OFFERING PRAYER



# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome  
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

# \* DIALOGUE




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of four notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second phrase, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P', is a melody of six notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The second phrase, marked with a 'C', is a melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'P'. It is a melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'C'. It is a melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.

# **\* THE PREFACE**

**P: It is indeed right and salutary...**

**... we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn.**

# \* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P: Holy God...**

**...both now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

# \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Jesus who will never leave us now invites us to the table to share in the feast of life. Come and dine, for all is prepared for you.**

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All will commune “By Station”.*

*The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words :*

**The body of Christ, given for you.**

**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

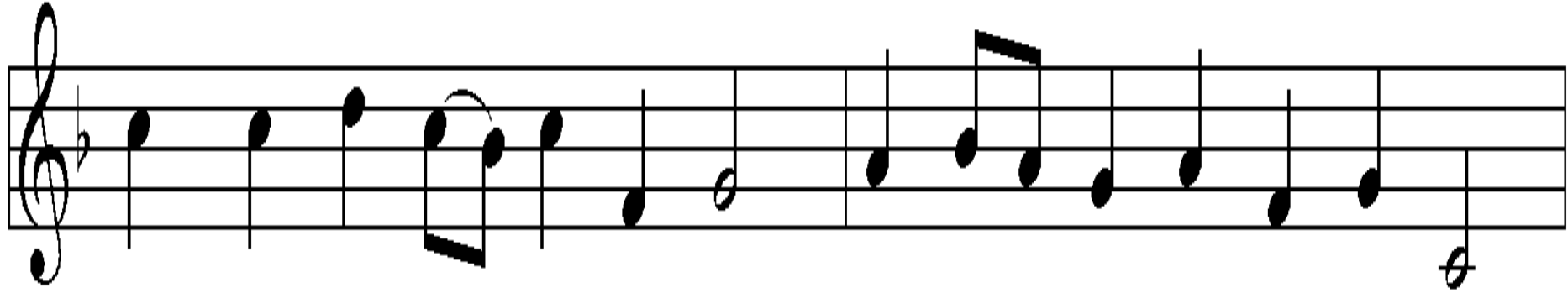
*The communicant may say:* **Amen.**

# \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unity us, ✝ now and forever,

**C:** Amen.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

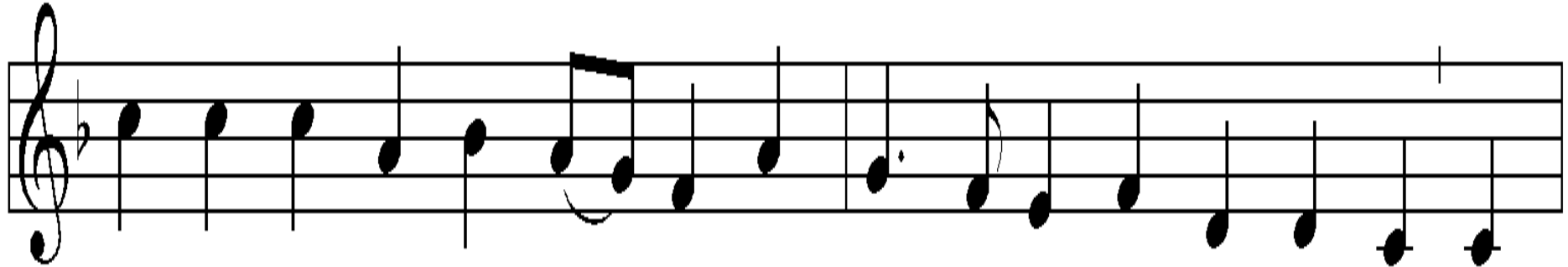


**☞** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



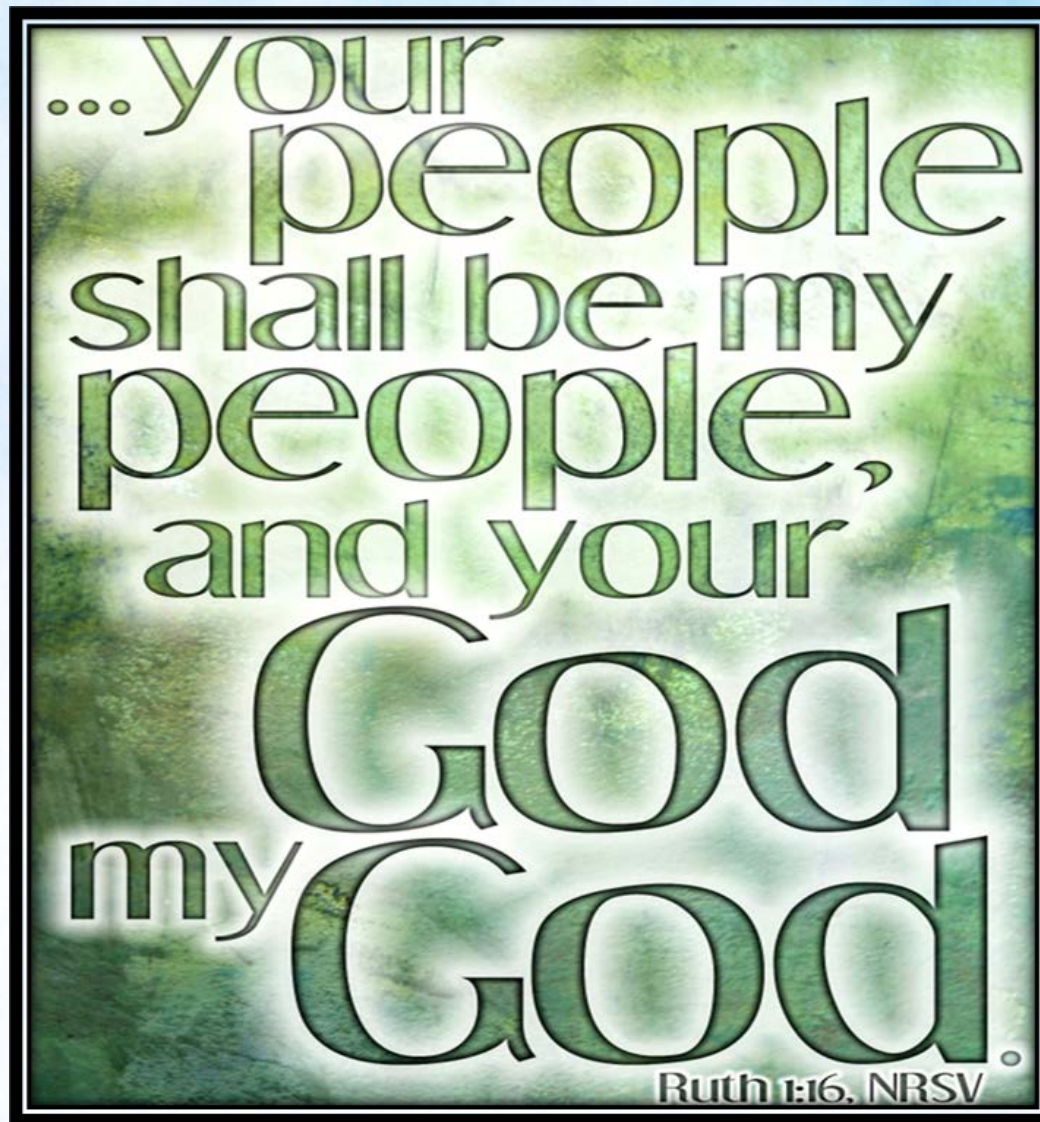
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray... Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**C: Amen**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



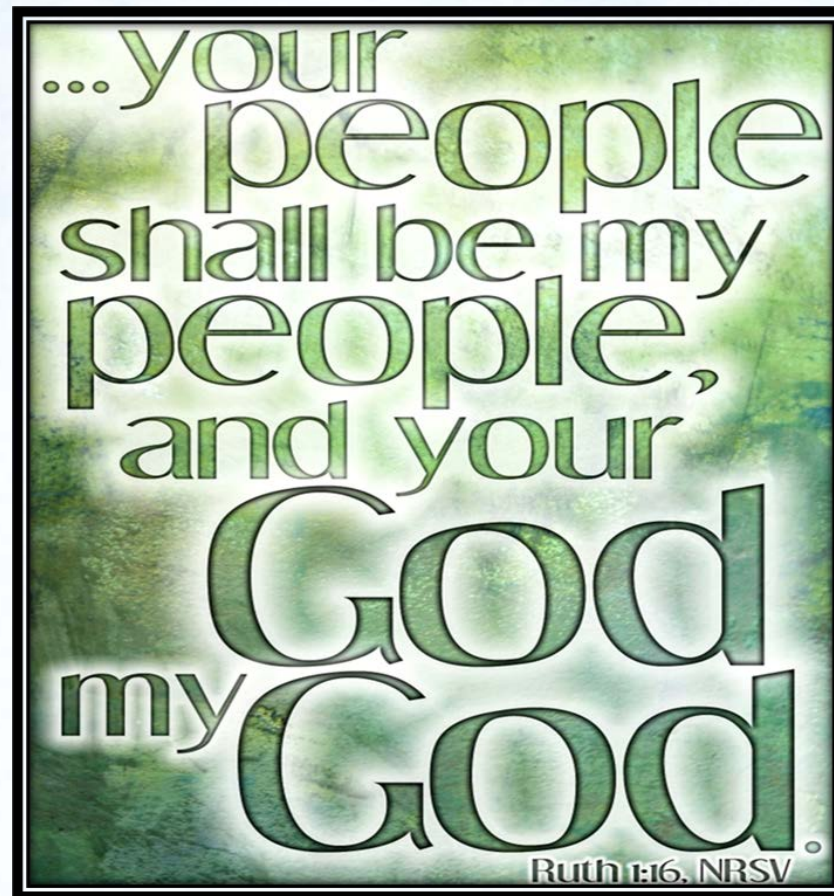
# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** The God of glory, Jesus Christ,  
name above all names, and the Spirit  
who lives in you, bless you † now  
and forever.

**C:** Amen.



\* **Sending Song**  
**“Abide with Me”**  
**LBW 272**



**1 Abide with me,  
fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers  
fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless,  
oh, abide with me.**

**2 I need thy presence  
ev’ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can  
foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who like thyself my  
guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
oh, abide with me.**

**3 Swift to its close ebbs  
out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim,  
its glories pass away;  
change and decay  
in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not,  
abide with me.**

**4 I fear no foe,  
with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight,  
and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still,  
if thou abide with me!**

**5 Hold thou thy cross  
before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies;  
heav’n’s morning breaks,  
and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death,  
O Lord, abide with me.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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