

We are going to consider the story of Ruth tonight. This is one of the few stories in all of Scripture where God is sparsely mentioned. That definitely seems odd, considering that the Bible is God's story, after all. The question that we will consider this evening is: What can we learn from this story and what is God speaking to us through His Word? Let's explore together. Welcome to worship at Christ The King! ...Pastor PJ Brooks

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold Him

Vocal Duet

THE OPENING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB #733

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.
6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: *Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*

C: Merciful God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, and mind and I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of my Savior, Jesus, forgive my iniquity and renew me to live for You.

(Time of silence for prayer and individual confession)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

For All the Faithful Women

LSB #855

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness, proclaimed Your pow'r to save.
2. For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death,
We praise You, God of Israel, and pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others in love and loyalty.
4. All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias and strive to do Your will.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

The Musical Offering

They Sing Hallelujah

Vocal Duet

THE PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

Bind Us Together Lord

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.
There is only one God, there is only one King,
There is only one body; that is why we can sing. *Repeat all*

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

LSB #570

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE SERMON HYMN

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last! *Chorus twice*

THE SERMON

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THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB #809

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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