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Homily: (Pastor Broghan Hunt)
1st and 2nd Scripture Reading: (Heidi Kendall)
1st and 2nd Scriptures: Ruth 1:1-5: Bible | Ruth 1:19-22: Bible (NRSV)

Ruth 1:1-5

1 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.
2 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 country of Moab
and remained there.
3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.
4 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,
5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:19-22

19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to
Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, “Is this Naomi?”
20 She said to them,
“Call me no longer Naomi;
call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with
me.
21 I went away full,
but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi
when the Lord has dealt harshly with me and the Almighty has
brought calamity upon me?”
22 So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the
country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.