

### Sentence of Scripture

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6.38

### Prayer of the day

O God,  
whose blessed Son came into the world  
that he might destroy the works of evil  
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;  
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,  
we may be made like him in his eternal  
and glorious kingdom;  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Readings

#### Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

<sup>3:1</sup>Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup>Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup>She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

<sup>4:13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup>Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup>He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup>The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 127

1 Unless the Lord builds the house:

**their labour is but lost that build it.**

2 Unless the Lord keeps the city:

**the watchmen watch in vain.**

3 It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest,  
eating the bread of toil:

**for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.**

4 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:

**and the fruit of the womb is his gift.**

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:

**are the children of one's youth.**

6 Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:

**he will not be put to shame**

**when he confronts his enemies at the gate.**

## Hebrews 9:23–28

<sup>23</sup> Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (NRSV)

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## Mark 12:38–44

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**