



The Guardian-Redeemer's cloak

Ruth 3

Ebensburg Presbyterian
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7th Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord

and dwell in his shelter and enjoy safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Hope in the Lord
and keep his way.**

He will exalt the weak
and make them leap for joy.

**The Lord is the salvation of the righteous;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

Praise the Lord!

HYMN #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 15:4

Jesus says, "Love your enemies. Be merciful.

Do not judge but forgive. Remain in Me and I will remain in you"

Let us approach the throne of mercy with confidence and trust.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

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O Christ,

**the economy of your love is beautiful,
expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness
beyond our imagining.**

The economy of our love is stingy and crooked.

We invest love where it can be repaid.

**We spend mercy where it yields gain.
We advance blessing we can bank on.
We hold grudges with interest.
We do all of this with no recognition
of how deeply indebted we are to you.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
we pray with our whole hearts. Amen (*silent prayer*)**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsively*)

Romans 8:31-32

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus,
our weakness gives way to power,
our dishonor disintegrates into glory,
and we are raised with Christ.
This is gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (*responsively*)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us share Christ's peace.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read
and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all
other words slip away.
May there be one voice we hear today —
the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 16:1-19 Page 682

SECOND READING: Ruth 3:1-18 Page 211

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Spreading the Corner of Garment

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

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Gracious God,
whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory:
grant us a gracious faith, so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery, we may face our
trials with confidence, like Ruth chose you, when we are given alternatives, commit to follow
your guidance, and become a blessing to friends and enemies alike through Christ Jesus our
guardian-redeemer.

Merciful God, we ask that you look down from the above chambers of the heavens and comfort
the sorrowful, heal the sick, guide the lost and give hope to the hopeless and light to the blind
and strength to the weak, so that like Bartholomew everyone rejoices and praises your
wonderous name as Christ taught us to pray in your exaltation, saying:

**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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING

HYMN# 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

**May God be kind to you,
May Jehovah Adonai spread the corner of His mighty wings to forgive, sanctify and shield you
for eternity. Amen**

*POSTLUDE

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Psalm 37:39-40:

Take shelter under the wings of God
Do not be agitated by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong.

² For they wither quickly like grass
and wilt like tender green plants.

³ Trust in the Lord and do what is good;
dwell in the land and live securely.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and He will give you your heart's desires.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in Him, and He will act,

⁶ making your righteousness shine like the dawn,
your justice like the noonday.

⁷ Be silent before the Lord and wait expectantly for Him;
do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way,
by the man who carries out evil plans.

⁸ Refrain from anger and give up your rage;
do not be agitated—it can only bring harm.

⁹ For evildoers will be destroyed,
but those who put their hope in the Lord
will inherit the land.^[c]

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked person will be no more;
though you look for him, he will not be there.

¹¹ But the humble will inherit the land^[d]
and will enjoy abundant prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord,
their refuge in a time of distress.

⁴⁰ The Lord helps and delivers them;
He will deliver them from the wicked and will save them
because they take refuge in Him.

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Father Pat Kirsch
Margaret Mckenrick
Gloria P.
Mary R.
Barb Richter
Claudette Segear
Chris Wolfe

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

GOD

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.