Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14 • Mark 12:28-34
Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back ... to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with me.

Ruth 1:8ac
Naomi Entreats Ruth to Return to Her Home -- Jacob Pynas, Dutch, before 1650
But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!"

Ruth 1:16a
Naomi and Ruth -- Jan Victors, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, Ontario, CA
Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Ruth 1:16b
Naomi and Ruth from The Story of Ruth -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 1991
The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow ...

Psalm 146
The Poor Invited to the Feast  --  JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:5
Mother Earth

Nandor Wagner
Budapest, Hungary
Christ came as a high priest ... not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11a, 12b
Christ Crucified on a Tree

Ouidah, Benin
One of the scribes came near and ... asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Mark 12:28ac
Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;"
Vision -- Frederic Church, Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York, NY
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:30
Caritas

William Wilson
St. Mungo Cathedral
Glasgow, Scotland
The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31
Immigrantes 2 -- Yuliana Cha
Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; ... When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Mark 12:32a, 34a
Peace -- Andre Michnay, Oroszlány, Hungary