Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127 • 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146 • Hebrews 9:24-28 • Mark 12:38-44
Naomi ... said to her, ... here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working.

Ruth 3:1a, 2a
So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife ... Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

Ruth 4:13
Ruth, Boaz, Naomi, and Obed -- John August Swanson, Serigraph, 1991
When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

1 Kings 17:10b
But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug;"

1 Kings 17:12a
I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

1 Kings 17:12b
Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath

Jan Victors
Museum of John Paul II
Warsaw, Poland
Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid ... make me a little cake ... and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

1 Kings 17:13ac
She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

1 Kings 17:15
Elijah with the Widow of Zarephath and her Son -- Abraham van Dyck, Statens Museum, Copenhagen
The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow ... 

Psalm 146:9
National Orphan Train Museum -- Concordia, Kansas
so Christ ... will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:28
Jesus Lends a Helping Hand

Street Mural
Washington, DC
He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

Mark 12:41
A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

Mark 12:42
The Poor Widow

Maerten de Vos
Royal Museum of Fine Arts
Antwerp, Belgium
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.

Mark 12:43
The Widow's Coin -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
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."

Mark 12:44
The Generous Vegetable Seller -- Vedant Gulati
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