

Sunday Worship at CPC
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022 @ 11:30am



*“What should Naomi do
with Her Bitterness?”*

Rev. Alan Goh

Ruth 1:3-21

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English Sunday Worship Service on Zoom:

On [CPC Zoom](https://cpczoom.com) Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Passcode: [torontocpc](https://torontocpc.com)

Join by Phone:

647 558 0588 Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Password: 4703591748

Weekly Groups:

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00AM: On Zoom. Contact Lily Chong (lilychongchong@gmail.com)

Children Sunday School at 10:30am on CPC Zoom: For details, contact Pastor Alan (alan.goh@torontocpc.com) or Joanne Li Yu (joanne.li.yu@torontocpc.com).

Wednesday Prayer Time: 7-8pm on CPC Zoom.

Thursday Mandarin Bible Study-10:30am to 11:30am:
Studying book of Genesis. Facilitated by Heung Ling Liu 廖享寧弟兄,
Theology student at Tyndale University. Contact Pastor Mary Lee 李鄧碧
真牧師 (mary.lee@torontocpc.com).

Thursday Cantonese Bible Study and Prayer Group – 8-9pm:
Join for Bible Study and Prayer in Cantonese. Contact Pastor Mary Lee.

Becoming an Encouraging Church

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love
and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in
the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more
as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Welcome and Announcements:

Today is Communion Sunday. Prepare the bread (any type) and wine (juice or wine) as we partake of Communion together at end of service.

Calling all singers - basses, tenors, altos and sopranos from both congregations!

The CPC choir is set to resume practice (online, at home) with the goal of presenting at Easter! If you're interested, please contact Esther Ng, our choir director (esther.ng@torontocpc.com).

Mandarin & Agape Fellowships will hold a combined Fellowship meeting to celebrate Chinese New Year on Saturday, February 5th at 10:30AM via Zoom. Guest speaker is Pastor David Huang, Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church. Please contact Richard Liu (rzf.liu@outlook.com) or George Shui (shuigeorge@gmail.com).

Silent Prayer

INVITED TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship (*Calling God's People into God's Presence*)

One: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

All: Let us never be put to shame.

One: Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

All: For you are our rock and our fortress.

One: God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

All: God has been with us since we were born from our mother's womb.

One: Let us sing out our praise of God's steadfast love.

All: We will offer God all glory and honour this day and always!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty and everlasting One,

your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite,

and your love beyond our imagining.

You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present.

In a hectic world, you are peace and rest.

In a harsh world, you are tenderness and mercy.

In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort,

and so we bring you our worship,

for you are the One who created us,

the One who redeems us,

and the One who gives us life,

our one and only God,

to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always. Amen.

God, whose name is love,

we confess our faults and failings,

knowing you know us through and through.

You tell us love is patient and kind,

and you know when our patience and kindness fell short.

You tell us love is never rude or selfish,

and you see the times we insisted on our own way.

Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters.

Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable.

The Lord's Prayer

All:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

Pass the Peace of Christ

Since we are reconciled to God in Christ,
let us share the peace with one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you**

INVITED TO HEAR

Children's Moment

Songs of Worship and Praise

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:3-21

Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law, she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband

tonight and then gave birth to sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

Message: Rev. Alan Goh – "What should Naomi do with Her Bitterness?"

Prayer of Commitment

INVITED TO RESPOND

Response Song

Communion

Offering and Thanksgiving

The Apostle Paul reminds us that the greatest of gifts is love.

The blessings we enjoy in life speak of God's love for us.

What we offer to God speaks of our love for the One who has reached out to us in Jesus.

May our gifts share that love with God's world.

God of life and love, we are grateful for all you have given us in Christ and in creation, in community and in the Church that bears Jesus' name.

We offer our gifts to you in love, trusting you will bless them and us.

May all that we offer become tangible expressions of your love at work in the world for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

INVITED TO BLESS OTHERS

Sending Song

Charge & Benediction

Silent Prayer

Fellowship Breakout Rooms

Naomi's Decade of Bad Days Ruth 1:3-21



Ruth 1: 15-17

Naomi is sad. She doesn't want to be alone but wants her family to be happy.

Orpah leaves her, but Ruth chooses to stay and help Naomi. How can you be like Ruth and help your family?

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First Page Picture:

Ruth and Naomi



