

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 31, 2021 • 11:00 A.M.**



**Sunday Services**

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
(1st Sunday of each month)

**Weekday Services**

**Monday – Friday**

7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I  
6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I

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Entrance Hymn 397

*Now thank we all our God*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” *Isaiah 57:15*

**Confession**

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,**

**we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Opening sentence and invitatory**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

*People* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

*People* **O come, let us adore him.**

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*Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 146

*Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

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**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;**

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.**

**7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

*Ruth 1:1-18*

A Lesson from the book of Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for

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me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;  
Where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Here endeth the Lesson

***Benedictus es, Domine***

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**The Second Lesson**

*Hebrews 9:11-14*

A Lesson from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Here endeth the Lesson

***Jubilate Deo Psalm 100***

**O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

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From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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 trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**

∇. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

∇. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

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**Intercessions**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.****

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**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

**Announcements**

**Sermon Hymn 353**

*Your love, O God, has called us here*

1 Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love  
2 O gra - cious God, you con - se - crate all that is  
3 O God of love, in - spire our life, re - veal your  
finds its source in you, the per - fect love that  
love - ly, good, and true. Bless those who in your  
will in all we do; join ev - ery hus - band,  
casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ev - er new.  
pres - ence wait and ev - ery day their love re - new.  
ev - ery wife in mu - tual love and love for you.

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A lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Mark

*Mark 12:28-34*

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### Sermon

### The Offertory

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn 660

### *O Master, let me walk with thee*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

*Officiant and People*

**And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

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## *Verse of the Week*

**“When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”**

Mark 12:34

## *“Quote of the Week”*



**“Man doth seek a triple perfection:  
First a sensual, consisting in those things which very life itself  
requireth either as necessary supplements, or as beauties and  
ornaments thereof;  
Next an intellectual, consisting in those things which none  
underneath man is either capable of or acquainted with;  
Lastly a spiritual and divine, consisting in those things whereunto we tend by  
supernatural means here, but cannot here attain unto them.**

Richard Hooker

Priest in the Church of England and one of the most influential theologians  
of the seventeenth century.

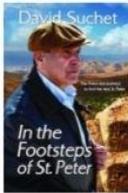
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*Announcements*

**FALL ADULT FORMATION CLASS**

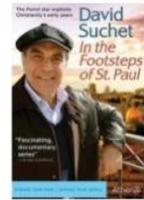
Sundays at 10 AM • BEGINNING OCTOBER 17

David Suchet, Detective Hercule Poirot from PBS' *Masterpiece Mystery*, presents a series of videos presenting the two most important men in the new testaments after Christ himself, St. Peter and St. Paul.



In the first program Suchet embarks on an epic journey from Galilee to Rome in search of the Apostle Peter. The documentary explores how a humble fisherman, known for his stubborn and impetuous personality became a leading figure in the early church, playing a key role in keeping the movement from splintering. Suchet travels from Peter's humble Galilean birthplace to Jerusalem, where a terrified Peter denies his beloved friend and teacher on the eve of the crucifixion. Encounter Peter's miraculous transformation on the day of Pentecost and explore the question, what happened to Peter after he mysteriously vanished from the biblical account? The series follows the biblical account to reveal the miraculous life of one of the most important figures in church history.

In the second program Suchet investigates St. Paul the apostle. Controversial in his own time, Paul remains so today, a remarkable man of contrasts and confusions, a persecutor of Christians who experienced a miraculous conversion and an all-consuming drive to spread the faith. More than any other single person, Paul transformed Christianity from a small Jewish sect into the most powerful religion on earth.



Long fascinated by the apostle, Suchet takes a very personal quest, retracing the steps of a man believed to have traveled some 10,000 miles by foot across the lands of the Roman Empire and many more by sea. Along the way, Suchet talks to archaeologists, scholars, clerics, and locals, each of whom sheds light on an individual who did so much to shape the history of Western civilization.

We will spend several weeks in the fall viewing these videos and discussing them and the two crucial early Christian men they reveal, the worlds they lived in, and impact they had on our faith.

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Led by The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards



*All Saints' Day*  
*1 November 2021 at 7:00 PM*  
*in the Church*



*All Souls' Day*  
*2 November 2021 at 7:00 PM*  
*in the Church*

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas, is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en), celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609 that a day was dedicated to remember all martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs, but later, in 837, the festival was extended to remember all the saints and its name changed to the Feast of All Saints and the date changed to 1st November.

All Souls' Day, in contrast, is celebrated in the Church of England and the rest of the Anglican Communion including the Episcopal Church as The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, and is an extension of the observance of All Saints' Day to remember all those who have died. It marks the second day of Allhallowtide. All Souls Day is a time when we individually remember those who have died. The prayers appointed for that day remind us that we are joined with the Communion of Saints, that great group of Christians who have finished their earthly life and with whom we share the hope of resurrection from the dead.

Its revival in Anglicanism was begun by the need to help members of the Church mourn the deaths of millions of soldiers in World War I. There is a devotional society with the Anglican communion call the Guild of All Souls, founded in 1873, to pray for the dying and the dead, to participate in a requiem of All Souls' Day and to say the Litany of the Faithful Departed.

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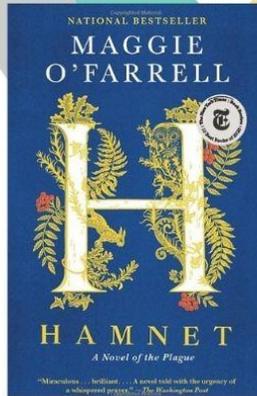
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# Book Club Meeting

Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 PM



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Please message us or contact  
Deborah Edwards or Sandra J. Klemuk  
for more information.

Drawing on Maggie O'Farrell's long-term fascination with the little-known story behind Shakespeare's most enigmatic play, *HAMNET* is a luminous portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child.

Warwickshire in the 1580s. Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband in Henley street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.

Award-winning author Maggie O'Farrell's new novel breathes full-blooded life into the story of a loss usually consigned to literary footnotes, and provides an unforgettable vindication of Agnes, a woman intriguingly absent from history.

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## POPCORN THEOLOGY



JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL  
MOVIE & DISCUSSION WITH  
FRIENDS

FRIDAY  
NOV 12

7 PM

**84, Charing Cross Road** is the charming 1984 film about a real-life relationship of bibliophilia, cultural differences, and imaginative sympathy.

For 20 years, an outspoken New York writer, (Helena Hanff played by Anne Bancroft), and a reticent London bookseller, (Frank Doel played by Anthony Hopkins), carry on an increasingly touching correspondence. Couched within their mail-order book purchasing relationship, the story chronicles their growing, tender, and charming affair that has all the tawdriness of a Ritz-Carlton high tea with your maiden aunt, but nonetheless becomes one of the truly great film love stories.

The movie is also a time machine into New York and London and their people in the decades following World War II. The drama plays out in the course of their correspondence, drawing the viewer into their world, interests, and affection. It is a glimpse into the tectonic shift of cultural preeminence in the English speaking world during that transitional age in history, but also into how the world shrank, and society evolved.

Wonderfully, the film-making rights to the book were bought for Bancroft by her husband of forty years, Mel Brooks, as a birthday gift since she yearned to play the lead.

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Cover: *Naomi entreating Ruth and Orpah to return to the land of Moab* by William Blake

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