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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 24, 7th November 2021

Presenter **Rev Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi**

Focus Readings Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Message 8 minutes 50 seconds **"Other-ness vs Chosen-ness"**

Discussion Starters

- 1** If the church affirms that God is not partial and does not exclude any person, and that all humanity bears God's image, how can those with damaged identities be empowered to take their rightful place in God's divine scheme?
- 2** How can we in the present day still view ourselves as agents of God's loving kindness and faithfulness in this death dealing context?
- 3** Which character do you resonate with? And why? How does your faith inform the development and transformation in that character's role in the story?
- 4** How can your congregation be agents of change in your community and stand in solidarity with 'the other'?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 127 Any work done apart from God is hopeless but God does offer blessing for human institutions of labour and family.

Hebrews 9:24-28 Unlike former priests who had to make offerings year after year, Christ's offering is made for all to deal with sin. When Christ comes again it will be to save those who wait **for** him.

Mark 12:38-44 Jesus highlights the extreme gulf between the self-aggrandizing piety of the religious experts and the sacrifice of a poor widow who gave all she had to the treasury, passing judgement on unjust temple practices that benefit some at the expense of the poor.

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All Age Message **Carolyn Sharp** **"What is your worth?"**

Length 3 Minutes 25 seconds

Precis of AAM

How do we see other people ...is it according to their wealth, what clothes they wear where they live? In today's story Jesus wanted his disciples to learn a lesson about how we judge others and to learn to look at others through the eyes of Jesus and not worldly eyes.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 127, page 342-343

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