

First Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

***Weekly Announcements**

(begin at 10:10 a)

***Prelude**

(begins at 10:15a)

Welcome

Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Kyrie Eleison

P. Holy and merciful God,
we come to you confessing we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone....

A.

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes the following lyrics: *Greek* Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. *English* Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. The second system includes the following lyrics: Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and strength.
We have not expressed the mind of Christ.
We have not stayed in step with the Spirit....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Our lives are distorted and the lives of others diminished by our self-indulgence and sloth, pride and privilege, fearfulness and faithlessness, avoidance of our kin, apathy towards other species, degradation of your creation, and disregard for future generations....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. O God our Savior, amidst our being overwhelmed by our individual and collective transgressions, by the harm that we have caused our neighbors near and far, by the persistence of evil in our lives and in the world, we seek your mercy, illumination, and might....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord, guide us by your Word, and strengthen us in your Spirit, so that we may increasingly discern and do the fast acceptable to you and so embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn – *Come Holy Ghost*

VIDEO

Welcome

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A. Amen.

P. We shall continue with our first reading.

WORD

First Reading – Genesis 9:8-17

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God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Dustin Wright

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon

Rev. Dustin Wright

Hymn of the Day – *Spirit of the Living God*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

A. Your mercy is great.

Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

VIDEO

Peace

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

P. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

P. On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Invitation to Communion

P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you,
and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.
A. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Blessing

P. God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

Sending Hymn – *The Solid Rock*

VIDEO

Benediction

Postlude

VIDEO