

Grace Church of Dunedin

The Gracelet

Today's Sermon:

LIVE FROM YOUR TRUE SELF
LENT 2018: FALL INTO GOD'S GOODNESS FOR YOUR LIFE

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Hello friends. Welcome to Grace Church! Thank you for choosing to seek, grow, and worship with us today. All are welcome.

REFLECTION + RESPONSE:

(portions inspired by John van de Laar and "The Lord's Prayer")

Reader: God of extravagant grace, teach us to pray with faith and read Your Word with understanding. Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love.

All: **Teach us to give generously, serve compassionately, and use our time mindfully, so that we may reflect Your goodness, as we pray-**

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Reader: Luke 10: 25-37

All: **May the Lord add his blessing to the reading, hearing, and doing of his holy Word.**

COMMUNION REFLECTION + PREPARATION:

Elder: Heavenly Father, as we prepare to receive the bread and the cup, we confess to you that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

ELDER: We acknowledge our tendency to overlook the abundance of your grace and presence all around us.

All: **Lord, forgive us.**

ELDER: Almighty God, help us to love as you have loved.

All: **Lord, do not leave us unchanged.**

(sacrament instructions)

Elder: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Elder: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Elder: And as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER + BENEDICTION:

Elder: God of love, give us a deep love for you, so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives mediate your love to others.

All: **Open our eyes that we might see what the Good Samaritan saw. Grant us the insight to see the need in others, the wisdom to know what to do, and the will to do it.**

(Silently pray for someone you know in need of God's help.)

Elder: God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well.

All: **Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.**

(closing words)

Elder: Grace + peace to all of you...

All: **And to you as well.**

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