



Grace Church of Dunedin

The Gracelet

Today's Sermon:

THE SEED AND THE SERPENT: A MESSIAH PROMISED GENESIS: IN THE BEGINNING

January 14, 2017

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 Genesis 1 and "The Lord's Prayer")

Reader: O God our Father, we thank you that today you have called us to worship you and learn of you. Though we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, we share one faith.

All: **We are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body.**

Reader: Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us.

All: **Open us to receive the Good News of the Messiah, praying-**

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: Genesis 3:15

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 hold hope in our hearts and show it to those around us.

All: **Lord, make us instruments of your hope.**

(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: We leave this place no longer as strangers, but members of God's own family; brothers and sisters through the blood of Jesus Christ. Together, we are being built into a holy dwelling place, where God lives by the Spirit.

All: **Lord, help us to go out with joy and confidence to love and serve the world, for we do not go alone.**

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

Elder: God of Hope, we lift up our heads, hearts and hands in prayer. We put our trust in you, believing that your word is true. We lift up to you our deep desire for hope in a bleak and sometimes depressing world.

All: **Lord, we pray for strength when our faith falters. We pray for you to pour on your love so it fills our lives and splashes over on everyone around us. Fill us with confidence in your presence in our lives. Fill us with your joy and peace as we go out into the world.**

(closing words)

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

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

GIVING + FINANCES:

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