

ALL SOULS CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21st, 2010

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-16 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship in Song and in Word *from Psalm 91 (a lectionary reading)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

And the Lord says, "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

ALL: Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress. I trust in You alone.

Prayer of Invocation, Songs of Engagement, Exaltation, Adoration

Song of Confession ~ Silence (for reflection and self-examination)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Companion to the Lectionary, 1983

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Romans 10:9-13 (a lectionary reading)* If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ...For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **People: Thanks be to God.**

Pass the Peace of Christ ~ Children are dismissed to your classes

Offerings

adapted as a prayer from Deut. 26:7-11 (a lectionary reading)

We cried out to You, of God, the God-of-Our-Fathers: You listened to our voice, You saw our destitution, our trouble, our cruel plight. And You took us out of slavery to sin with your strong hand and long arm, terrible and great, with signs and miracle-wonders. And You brought us to this place, gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. So here I am. I've brought You the firstfruits of what I've grown on this ground You gave me, O God. And so, along with my brothers and sisters, we place it in the Presence of God, our God. We prostrate ourselves in Your Presence, oh God, our God. And we rejoice! We celebrate all the good things that you, God, our God, has given us.

"The Power of the Cross" ~ Doxology ~ Dedication of Offerings

Pastoral Prayer led by Rebecca Loy, Member of the Shepherding Team

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Hebrews 12:1-2 ~ read by Tim Jones

How to Run the Race of Faith ~ sermon by Mary Tarwater

Let Us Wait Upon the Lord (a time of listening prayer and response)

TASTE AND SEE HOW MUCH THE LORD LOVES YOU

The Great Thanksgiving ~ The Breaking of the Bread ~ The Ministry of Prayer

LET US GO FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Prayer of Response

based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 The Complete Library of Christian Worship. Ed. Webber. 1993

Leader: Rom. 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" **ALL: Lord Jesus, you are our living head. Teach us to be your body here on earth—your hands, your feet, your eyes, and your compassionate heart. Lord, send the impulses of your love into the sinews of this church. May your will and thoughts direct us. Let your hands, through our hands, supply food for our neighbors' hunger. Let them hear your voice as we visit and talk with them. Let children come to us and sit in our laps, as they sat in yours. Without you as our head, Lord, we are lifeless. We wait for your power, your Word, your instruction. Fill us with your life and love, Jesus. Amen.**

Benediction and Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**