

Upper School Chapel
Monday, February 27, 2012

Welcome and Theme of the Day: Class Chaplain

In the Hebrew Scriptures, covenants were a common expression of relationship between God and God's people. This was a way for the people to commit to serving God and for God to commit to upholding them. The "rainbow in the clouds" was a sign of God's covenant with Noah and his family and every living creature. What's unusual about this covenant agreement is that it's one-sided. It's all God's action, with no expectation other than to live under God's blessing. As we begin the season of Lent, we receive this sign of God's promise in the form of ashes on our forehead.

Prayer of the Day: Class Chaplain

Holy God, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Christ from sin. Renew us, restore us, and protect us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 9: 8-17

The Second Lesson: Mark 1: 9-15

The Sermon

The Prayers of Intercession

Your response to each petition is "hear our prayer."

Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for our school, those in need, and all of God's creation. (A brief silence).

Almighty God, remember the covenant you have established with your people. Preserve us by your mercy, and lead us to live mercifully with others. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out the gift of water for all your creation. Provide clean water for those who lack it, curb the use of those who waste it, and guide the efforts of those who seek to conserve it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Extend your gift of renewal to all nations. Where leaders exert overwhelming power and where militaries exert unjust might, deliver your sheltering peace to people who live in fear. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Deliver your gift of healing to all who suffer. Make well those who are ill, and those who struggle with brokenness whole. Renew them with your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our President, Barak Obama, our Governor, Robert Bentley, and our Mayor, Sam Jones, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of leadership for our school especially our Bishop, Philip Duncan, our Rector, Ken Cumbie, and our Headmaster, Palmer Kennedy, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the fulfillment of our Mission.

Grant these our prayers, O God, for the Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Birthday Celebrations

St. Luke's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing and Benediction