

“Deep Calls to Deep”

First Sunday of Lent

On earth, as it is in heaven

Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15

Unlike other similar ancient flood stories,
the Genesis story links the Divine with
all humanity and all animals, forever.

As humans, our sorrow and grief reminds us
of our frailty and powerlessness.

What does it mean that God is sorry,
and has regrets?

What happens to humanity,
is deeply relevant to God's very identity.

What happens to us matters fundamentally to God,
so much so that God cannot be God, if our sin
has final say over the future of creation.

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The rainbow reminds God and us,
of God's promise
to all humanity and all animals, forever,
to never use violence as a way of
dealing with sin.

On earth, as it is in heaven...
Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

Angel Gabriel to Mary:

You have found favor with God

A voice from heaven to Jesus:

You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.

In Jesus, God provides safe passage
through dangerous waters.

From the depths, God is calling to us to look deep
into our hearts, behaviors, and attitudes,
repent of our sinful ways,
and be in renewed relationship with God.