

## ***Liturgical Date: Year B, Lent 1, February 21st 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Rev Dr Peter Walker**

**Focus Reading**                **Genesis 9: 8-17**

**Message**                      5 minutes 40 seconds    **“God and the Flood”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. How would you sum up today’s message?
2. What did you hear that was new to you personally, in today’s message?
3. What images of God would visitors to your congregation see and hear if they attend a worship service?
4. Do you think people in your wider community know the flood story, and how might you share the story in new ways that are meaningful to the ‘non-churched’?

### **Other Lectionary readings for the day**

**Psalm 25: 1-10** The psalm could read as a prayer of the baptized. Testimony to God’s ways with God’s people forms the backdrop of a twofold petition: divine mercy to cover sins of the past, God’s guidance to navigate present challenges. What is at stake is God’s own honour.

**1 Peter 3: 18-25** The writer connects baptism and flood themes with the descent and ascent of the post-crucifixion Christ. Drowned and birthed through baptismal waters, we are identified with Christ’s ministry and claimed by Christ’s ultimate destiny.

**Mark 1: 9-15** With typical brevity and compelling urgency, Mark conveys Jesus’s baptism, temptation, and early preaching in a few lines. Jesus comes out of the crucible of testing, preaching that God’s reign is at hand.

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**All Age Message**        Maria Williams    **“Rainbow Promise?”**

**Approx. Length**            6 minutes 17 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Kermit the Frog sang a song about rainbows. The Genesis story of Noah and the Flood, is about remembering God’s Love every time we see a rainbow. God has countless ways of calling us back into the harmony he desires for us. His promise is for all creation. Lent points us to the rainbow and the cross.

**Resources**                      **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 25: 8-17, page 262**

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