

These Are the Signs

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Lectionary Year B

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

I. Flood

Genesis 6

**When the Lord saw how great was the evil all 'round
How the bond between us was all but unwound
God said to Noah: "You have need of an ark.
Gather you in. Trust Me as you embark"**

**"I'll drown all this trouble, the waters will rise
Submerging the evil with tears from My eyes.
Yet inside the ark, you're held safe in the storm
A remnant from which a new world is born".**

II. Covenant

Genesis 8 (cantor & choir)

**"When the waters recede, then send forth a dove
I'll send you a sign of life's leafing thereof
Through the curtain of waters, I'll send forth the sun
And arch my bow between us
And thus make light and water one."**

III. Promise

Genesis 9

**"See how I make this covenant new.
All living creatures, all who voyage with you
Will never again be lost to the flood.
This is My promise in the bow and the bud"**

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**These are the signs that the Kingdom is near
Though waters surround us, we have no fear
For God has made a new bond with us
To carry us through as we give Him our trust**

IV. Psalm

Psalm 25

**When tested by hardship,
we place our trust in You
Or brought low in contrition
we place our trust in You
In all that befalls us, we learn that You call us
Teach us, Lord, to place all our trust in You**

**When lost and confounded,
we place all our trust in You
Overwhelmed and surrounded,
we place all our trust in You
For Your ways are true, Lord. You bring us through, Lord
Lead us on. We place all our trust in You**

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**For trust is the sign that the Kingdom is near
In every trial, have no fear
All of God's ways are faithful and just
And will carry us through as we give God our trust**

V. Testament

Mark 1

**When John baptised Jesus, the sky tore apart.
The Spirit descended. God spoke from the heart:
"This is my son with whom I am pleased"
The kingdom has come. Renew and believe.**

**At once he was sent out for forty dry days
Where Satan tempted with his wily ways.
Relentless the test, fierce forces contend
Yet no harm befalls where angels attend**

1 Peter 3

**This Christ who was sent to show us the way
Arose like a dove, new life to convey
Through the deepest of waters, the flood of our sin
Christ is our ark! And we are called to refuge within**

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**And these are the signs that the Kingdom is near
God's Spirit penetrates our sphere
God's Christ becomes the new bond with us
To carry us through as we give Him our trust.**