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ker·mis also **ker·mess** or **kir·mess**  (kûr mĭs)

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n.

1. An outdoor fair in the Low Countries.
2. A fundraising fair or carnival.

[Dutch, from Middle Dutch *kercmisse*, Mass on the anniversary of a church dedication (on which day was held a yearly fair) : *kerc*, church (ultimately from Late Greek *kūriakon*, *kūrikon* (*dōma*), (house) of the lord; see [CHURCH](#)) + *misse*, Mass (from Late Latin *missa*; see [MASS](#)).]

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