

There's a Psalm for This

Even though you'll see this the day after Election Day, I'm intentionally writing it before any results come in. This year seems a lot more intense and divided than I've seen election years before. Even our "local" races (by which I mean the race for the Utah congressional district Brigham City isn't even a part of that) seems to have nearly identical but also opposite ads that air all the time on TV and radio) have more division than I remember from previous elections. It reminds me of Psalm 2, and the people raging at each other and seeking their own way.

Psalm 2 (CEB)

Why do the nations rant? Why do the peoples rave uselessly?
The earth's rulers take their stand;
the leaders scheme together against the LORD and against his anointed one.
"Come!" they say. "We will tear off their ropes and throw off their chains!"

The one who rules in heaven laughs;
my Lord makes fun of them.
But then God speaks to them angrily; then he terrifies them with his fury:
"I hereby appoint my king on Zion, my holy mountain!"

I will announce the LORD's decision:
He said to me, "You are my son, today I have become your father.
Just ask me, and I will make the nations your possession;
the far corners of the earth will be your property.
You will smash them with an iron rod;
you will shatter them like a pottery jar."

So kings, wise up! Be warned, you rulers of the earth!
Serve the LORD reverently—trembling, kiss his feet or else he will become angry,
and your way will be destroyed because his anger ignites in an instant.

But all who take refuge in the LORD are truly happy!

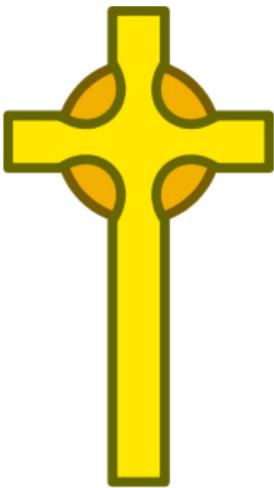
Despite the divisions we face, The Name – the Lord – is our refuge. We are united together in our service of the Name, from whom we take our identity. We are children and heirs of the kingdom of God, not members of this or that political party. Our ruler is Jesus, appointed by God to reign forever, not this or that politician.

Whatever election results we wake up to, whatever the outcome, whatever fears or joys we feel, whatever joys or fears we see in others; our hope is not in whoever we elected but in the God who blesses us with true happiness. We don't find that true happiness in elected officials, but in the Lord in whom we take refuge.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

We are in the **Season after Pentecost**, when we are shaped by the Holy Spirit to learn and grow as followers of Jesus Christ. Our readings begin with creation and progress through the prophets, telling us the story of God's people prior to the coming of the Messiah. Our paraments are green to reflect our growth as disciples of Jesus.



Katie Kihlstedius has started a “**Marco Polo**” **Prayer Group**. If you’d like to join an online group devoted to praying for our churches, communities, and world, reach out to her at 801-675-6279 for more info!

Because of our county’s “High” Transmission Level, **we will be meeting online-only until that Transmission Level changes**. We feel this is our best path forward to show love to all our neighbors, especially as our hospitals and medical works are overwhelmed.

Our state and local health departments’ COVID-19 Transmission Level for our county is “High”. This means social gatherings are limited and mask-wearing is required in public spaces. This is in addition to all the regular recommendations of practicing physical distancing, good hygiene practices, and staying home when sick. For more information visit coronavirus.utah.gov.

The **Be Ready Utah Expo** team is hosting a FREE public virtual conference to discuss preparedness for all of the different disaster events we’ve experienced in Utah this year. They’ll cover pandemic, earthquake, flood after fire, surviving without power, water storage, disaster mental health, conversations on preparedness, and disaster myths. The two-day webinar will run from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with four different sessions each day, Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 2020.

If, while we can’t meet together, you want to still give an offering to the church, you can mail it to PO Box 732, Brigham City UT, 84302. The post office box gets checked regularly and your giving will be secure.

Please let me know if you have any updates for our **Prayer List**. Out of concern for people’s privacy, I haven’t been adding specific prayers to our church livestream, but we continue to pray for all those needs and concerns.

Sunday School for children is recessed. Adult Sunday will be posted to YouTube on Sunday mornings.

Holy Cross Quilters will continue refraining from meeting.

This Week’s Readings:

23rd Sunday after Pentecost—*Jonah and God’s Mercy* – Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10, 4:1-11; Luke 18:9-14

Next Week’s Readings:

24th Sunday after Pentecost—*God Calls Isaiah* – Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

Prayer List

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Phil 4:6

Keep the following in your prayers

Brooks, Ryan, Kendra, and family, friends of Lexa. Prayers for healing for Brooks and for strength and peace for the family.

Pastor Neil Arnold & Noah, for healing from COVID-19.

Mary, daughter-in-law of Pastor Mike's friends, prayers for healing.

Lisa Weaver, friend of Kosbabs, is home but still has a long recovery ahead.

Bob Morstadt, for a successful hip replacement and uneventful recovery.

Debbie, Bob & Jean Quick's daughter-in-law, is out of the hospital but still needs prayers for health.

Sherri Rackham recovering after a dog bite.

Chris, Ashley, and family, Jeff Hoedt's son and daughter-in-law, for health and safety during pregnancy.

Jae-Han, Young's brother, with stomach cancer, for protection and comfort for him and his wife.

Our vulnerable populations, especially those with underlying health conditions, the homeless, and those lacking access to proper medical care in this time.

Nora Greer, for healing.

Trudee Klein, friend of Deborah Kay, for healing from cancer.

Tom & Jeanette Croft, friend of Kosbabs, for healing.

Abby Rasmussen and family, friends of Kosbabs, as she struggles with cystic fibrosis.

John Buist, our custodian, for continued health problems.

Lynne, Robert Quick's wife, with health issues.

Aleasa, Robert Quick's daughter, with health issues.

Mark Sparkman, Quick's son-in-law, recurring health problems.

Gloria Perry, for healing from health problems.

Box Elder County Jail Ministry, that the inmates may respond to the Gospel.

Deborah Kay Hansen, prayers for healing from recurring health problems.

Give thanks to God

Claudia Long, Andrea's mom, is doing much better but still needs prayer for strength and health.

Tripp, newborn son of Lexa and Kyler, is off oxygen and doing much better.

Doug Anderson, family of Lexa, is doing better.

Keep those in prayer who are in harm's way

Medical professionals and all who are continuing to work during this pandemic.

Braxton Jeppsen, serving in the US Navy.

Let Pastor Mike know if there are any petitions you wish to add to our Prayer List. If you added someone to the prayer list, please update us on how they are doing! We love to celebrate praises as well as petitions.