

There's a Psalm for This

I'm always fascinated at how fickle we humans are. I'll always remember when I was at an REO Speedwagon and Styx concert, a very intoxicated guy behind us was yelling and screaming about how wonderful REO Speedwagon (the concert's opener) was, and how he didn't care if Styx ever came one, and he just wanted more REO! But then, as soon as Styx took the stage, he changed completely – now REO Speedwagon was the worst and Styx was the best and how did he ever think otherwise! In the span of about 15 minutes, his “favorite thing” completely changed.

We see the same thing around Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, Jesus is acclaimed the “King who comes in the Name of the Lord”; but by the end of the week they say, “He saved others; let him save himself.” On Sunday, Jesus was the best thing ever; by Friday, he was nobody.

But as fickle as humans are, in the Psalms we see a different picture: we see the abandoned nobody welcomed by God. We see the one people derided lifted up by the Lord.

Psalm 10:1-4,11-18 (CEB)

Why do you stand so far away, Lord, hiding yourself in troubling times?
Meanwhile, the wicked are proudly in hot pursuit of those who suffer.
Let them get caught in the very same schemes they've thought up!

The wicked brag about their body's cravings; the greedy reject the Lord, cursing.
At the peak of their wrath, the wicked don't seek God:
There's no God—that's what they are always thinking.

The wicked think to themselves:

God has forgotten. God has hidden his face. God never sees anything!

Get up, Lord! Get your fist ready, God! Don't forget the ones who suffer!
Why do the wicked reject God?

Why do they think to themselves that you won't find out?

But you do see!

You do see troublemaking and grief, and you do something about it!

The helpless leave it all to you. You are the orphan's helper.

Break the arms of those who are wicked and evil.

Seek out their wickedness until there's no more to find.

The Lord rules forever and always! The nations will vanish from his land.

Lord, you listen to the desires of those who suffer. You steady their hearts;
you listen closely to them, to establish justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that people of the land will never again be terrified.

Though humans often follow whatever trend is new and popular, God is consistent: God listens to those who suffer. By suffering on the cross, Jesus suffers alongside us when we suffer – and alongside all those who are helpless.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

We're in the **Season of Lent**, a time of repentant preparation as we turn with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross, building awareness of our sin and inevitable death so that the defeat of sin and death through the cross and empty tomb means that much more to us. Our paraments are purple, the color of royalty, to remind us of the mocking Jesus suffered during his passion, but also of the truth behind his "crime": The King of the Jews.

Holy Week Services for this year are: **Maundy Thursday** – April 1, 7 PM; **Good Friday** – April 2, 8 PM. Both of these services will also be live-streamed on YouTube and the church website.

The **Bear River Health Department** has begun COVID-19 for those over 16! For more information and to check availability, visit <https://brhd.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Our state and local health departments' COVID-19 Transmission Level for our county is "Medium". This means that we will be now offering in-person worship again! Please review the Holy Cross COVID-19 plan on our website to review the requests and requirements for meeting together. Most importantly, wear a mask and please remember that available space is limited due to social distancing! Please let Pastor Mike know if you are planning to attend in-person.

If you're a Thrivent member, you may have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to distribute! Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you are eligible.

If you want to give an offering to the church but are either unable to or don't feel comfortable with attending in person, 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.

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

Holy Cross Quilters will continue refraining from meeting.

This Week's Readings:

Palm & Passion Sunday – *Triumphal Entry* – Psalm 118:15-21; Luke 19:29-44, Luke 22-23

Next Week's Readings:

Maundy Thursday – *Last Supper* – Psalm 34:8-14; Luke 22:1-27

Good Friday – *Crucifixion* – Psalm 31:5-13; Luke 23:26-56

Easter Sunday – *Resurrection* – Psalm 118:1-14,22-24; Luke 24:1-12



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

Jeff & Darlene Hoedt, for safe travels to visit family.

Brian Hohn, friend of Bob Kosbab, with esophageal cancer.

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

Kyra, Quick's granddaughter, is doing much better and is back to work.

Robert Quick, is doing better.

Chris, Ashley, and family, Jeff Hoedt's son and daughter-in-law, and newborn **Adelynn!**

Amy, Michelle's sister, and newborn **Lyla!**

Bryce and Emily Herman and newborn daughter, nephew & family of the Kosbabs, have recovered well.

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.

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. Out of concern for people's privacy, we haven't been adding specific prayers to our church live-stream, but we continue to pray for all those needs and concerns.