

## There's a Psalm for This

Holy Week is a time of hope and hopelessness. The week began with Palm Sunday; when we, along with the disciples and the crowd, acclaimed Jesus the Son of David – the coming king of Israel who will set God's people free. It begins an echo of the Exodus story that becomes even more clear on Maundy Thursday. God saved God's people from slavery in Egypt through God's mighty works; and God will save God's people from slavery to sin and death through the cross.

These things bring us hope. But the other side of Holy Week is that Jesus is dead. He isn't sleeping; he didn't go away for a bit; he isn't in a coma – Jesus is spear-through-the-heart, definitely dead. Holy Saturday has Jesus' disciples hiding in fear worrying if they'll be next. All the things they've heard from Jesus are for *nothing*.

But we also know that God keeps God's promises. And Jesus said that he would come back after three days. Psalm 66 reminds us of the things God has done for God's people in the past and gives us some hope in their and our hopelessness.

### **Psalm 66:1-7,16-20 (CEB)**

*For the music leader. A song. A psalm.*

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing praises to the glory of God's name! Make glorious his praise!

Say to God: "How awesome are your works!

Because of your great strength, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you, sings praises to you,

sings praises to your name!" *Selah*

Come and see God's deeds; his works for human beings are awesome:

He turned the sea into dry land so they could cross the river on foot.

Right there we rejoiced in him!

God rules with power forever; keeps a good eye on the nations.

So don't let the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*

Come close and listen, all you who honor God;

I will tell you what God has done for me:

My mouth cried out to him with praise on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.

But God definitely listened. He heard the sound of my prayer.

Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer; he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus is betrayed. On Good Friday, Jesus is killed. On Holy Saturday, everything seems utterly hopeless. But on Easter, God's promises are fulfilled. On Easter, Jesus rises. God does what God said God would do. God saves his people again.

Pastor Mike Galica

## Holy Cross Announcements

This is **Holy Week**, the remembrance of the last week of Jesus' life. It began on Palm Sunday, continues through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, rests with the disciples on Holy Saturday, and concludes with **Easter Sunday**. We follow Jesus through the final days of his life, only for him to rise again to welcome all of us into the same new life he was raised to.



**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](http://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 and adults is recessed.

**Holy Cross Quilters** will continue refraining from meeting.

### **This 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

### **Next Week's Readings:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – *Emmaus Road* – Psalm 30; Luke 24:23-35

## 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**

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

**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 no longer speak people's names in the worship service, but we continue to pray for all their needs and concerns.*