

There's a Psalm for This

We've been dealing with this pandemic for over a year now, and I think I speak for many of us in saying it's getting old. We're tired of masks; we're tired of restrictions; we're tired of not being able to plan; we're tired of the bitterness; we're tired of people getting sick; we're tired of people dying. We're tired. Are things better than they were? Absolutely! And with vaccines rolling out it means hope for a swifter end. (I saw on the news the other day that half of US adults have received at least a first dose of a vaccine.) But we're not all the way there yet – we're still waiting impatiently for an end. So as we wait, like the Psalmist, we hope in the Lord.

Psalm 42 (CEB)

For the music leader. A maskil of the Korahites.

Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God.

My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.

When will I come and see God's face?

My tears have been my food both day and night,

as people constantly questioned me, "Where's your God now?"

But I remember these things as I bare my soul:

how I made my way to the mighty one's abode, to God's own house,

with joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs—

a huge crowd celebrating the festival!

Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God!

Because I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God.

My whole being is depressed.

That's why I remember you from the land of Jordan and Hermon,

from Mount Mizar.

Deep called to deep at the noise of your waterfalls;

all your massive waves surged over me.

By day the Lord commands his faithful love;

by night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

I will say to God, my solid rock, "Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I have to walk around, sad, oppressed by enemies?"

With my bones crushed, my foes make fun of me,

constantly questioning me: "Where's your God now?"

Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God!

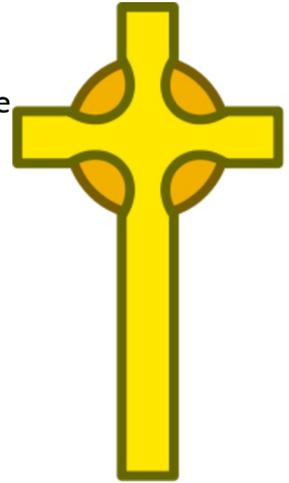
Because I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God.

Where's our God now? Exactly where God's always been: right beside us, suffering alongside us, experiencing the pandemic alongside us. God is hope when we get frustrated and sad, and God will see us through this and every trial we face.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We are now in the **season of Easter**, in which we celebrate the most important event in history: the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ showed his defeat of sin, death, and the devil by rising from the grave. Rejoice with us in the resurrection of our Lord! Our paraments are white during this season to reflect our celebration.



The **Bear River Health Department** is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to all 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 and adults is recessed.

Holy Cross Quilters will continue refraining from meeting.

This Week's Readings:

4th Sunday of Easter – *Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized* – Acts 8:26-39; Luke 24:36-49

Next Week's Readings:

5th Sunday of Easter – *Council at Jerusalem* – Acts 15:1-18; Luke 2:25-35

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

Matt Long, Andrea's brother, for healing and a successful surgery.

Matt, Deborah Kay's cousin, for healing.

Tyson, Michelle's dad's friend's son, for mental health.

Sharon, for a swift recovery after surgery.

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

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.