

There's a Psalm for This

I'm always struck by the self-awareness displayed by some Psalms. Psalm 41 for instance, opens with the psalmist exclaiming the good news that God cares about the poor, and the person who cares about the poor is "truly happy" and the Lord looks out for them, and then the psalmist goes, "Yea, I haven't entirely done that and now I'm in trouble." We don't like to admit when we don't do what we're called to do, but here's the psalmist, doing exactly that!

Psalm 41 (CEB)

For the music leader. A psalm of David.

Those who pay close attention to the poor are truly happy!

The Lord rescues them during troubling times.

The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;

they are widely regarded throughout the land as happy people.

You won't hand them over to the will of their enemies.

The Lord will strengthen them when they are lying in bed, sick.

You will completely transform the place where they lie ill.

But me? I said, "Lord, have mercy on me! Heal me because I have sinned against you."

My enemies speak maliciously about me: "When will he die and his name disappear?"

Whenever they come to visit, they say nothing of value.

Their hearts collect evil gossip; once they leave, they tell it to everybody.

All of those who hate me talk about me, whispering to each other, plotting evil against me:

"Some horrible thing has been poured into him; the next time he lies down, he won't get up."

Even my good friend, the one I trusted, who shared my food,

has kicked me with his heel—a betrayer!

But you, Lord, please have mercy on me and lift me up so I can pay them back!

Then I'll know you are pleased with me

because my enemy won't be shouting in triumph over me.

You support me in my integrity;

you put me in your presence forever.

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel, from forever to forever!

Amen and Amen!

There are so many things that we *know* we're called to do as followers of Jesus, but we don't. We know the call to image God – to show the world who God is – and yet we more often reflect the media we consume rather than reflect God. We know the call to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but instead we act selfishly and don't think of our neighbors' interest. We know we're called to share the faith we have, but instead we keep it to ourselves.

But despite all our shortcomings, despite our failure to do all of those things we're called to do in response to the grace God has shown us, like the psalmist, we cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness. And God hears that cry, lifting us up again and forgiving us, and calling us again into God's presence.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

We're in the **Season after Pentecost**, a time in the church year of studying the Scriptures in order to learn to follow Jesus more closely. Our paraments are green to symbolize growing more Christ-like each day.

The **Bear River Health Department** is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to all those over 12! For more information and to check availability, visit <https://brhd.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

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:

12th Sunday after Pentecost – *Revelation: God Enthroned* – Revelation 5:1-13; John 1:29-34

Next Week's Readings:

13th Sunday after Pentecost – *Revelation: Seals and Promises* – Revelation 6:1-8,7:9-17; John 14:1-7



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

Bob Quick, for healing

Ann, Jeff Hoedt's daughter, and **her baby due in October**. Ann has gestational diabetes.

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.

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

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.

Gloria Perry, for healing from health problems.

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

Give thanks to God

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

Keep those in prayer who are in harm's way

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

Braxton Jepps, 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.