

There's a Psalm for This

Psalm 97 talks about the greatness of God and God's victory over the wicked. It's a great psalm, especially as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of All Saints – when we are reminded of God's victory in Jesus Christ over sin and death, and the realization of that victory in the resurrection of the dead.

Psalm 97 (CEB)

The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice! Let all the islands celebrate!
Clouds and thick darkness surround God. His throne is built on righteousness and justice.
Fire proceeds before him, burning up his enemies on every side.
His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and trembles!
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of the whole world!

Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness, and all nations have seen his glory.
All those who worship images, those who are proud of idols, are put to shame.

All gods bow down to the Lord!

Zion has heard and celebrates,
the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your acts of justice, Lord,
because you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth,
because you are so superior to all other gods.

Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil!

God guards the lives of his faithful ones, delivering them from the power of the wicked.
Light is planted like seed for the righteous person; joy too for those whose heart is right.
Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones! Give thanks to his holy name!

It also reminds me of one of my very favorite passages in Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57 (CEB)

And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:

Death has been swallowed up by a victory.

Where is your victory, Death? Where is your sting, Death?

Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

We rejoice with all the saints – all those who have gone before us in faith, that our God is victorious over sin and death, so that when we think of those whom we have lost for a time to death, we can have confidence that we will be reunited with them at the resurrection.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

This Sunday is **All Saints' Sunday**, the celebration of all the people of faith who have joined the Saints Triumphant, as well as our hope to join their number. We rejoice for all those who have received their promised rest and yearn for our own resurrection to eternal life. The paraments are white to reflect our joyful celebration.

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/>

Pastor Mike and Michelle's **Farewell Reception** will be on November 14 from noon to 2 PM. More details to come soon! (Pastor Mike's last Sunday is November 21.)

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 School videos are posted to the church's YouTube page on Sunday mornings.

Holy Cross Quilters meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am

This Week's Readings:

All Saints Sunday – *God Speaks to Elijah* – 1 Kings 19:1-18; John 12:20-36

Next Week's Readings:

25th Sunday after Pentecost – *Amos: Justice Rolls Down* – Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15,21-25; John 7:37-44



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

Elizabeth Taylor, Jenny's friend, hospitalized with COVID-19.

Brenda, Pastor Mike's cousin, with pancreatic cancer.

Alan, Pastor Mike's cousin, having a triple bypass.

Shirley, Pastor Mike's great-aunt, with heart and lung issues.

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

Holly, Bob Kosbab's cousin's daughter, is home from the hospital!

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 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.