



THE JOY OF OUR SALVATION!



The Psalter [the Book of Psalms] ought to be a precious and beloved book: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly it might well be called a little Bible. It not only relates the works of the saints in all kinds of situations but also the words and the heart of the saints. It presents the language they used when they talked with God Himself and opened their hearts to Him.

The Psalter is also the book of all saints. When these words fit our feelings or situations, we become sure that we are in the communion of saints, and that it has gone with all the saints as it goes with us. It teaches us in JOY, fear, hope, and sorrow to think and speak as all the saints have thought and spoken.

If you would see the holy Christian Church painted in living color and shape, comprehended in one little picture, then take up the Psalter. There you have a fine,

bright, pure mirror that will show you what Christendom is.

May God the Father of all grace and mercy help us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be praise and thanks, honor and glory, for this Psalter and for all His innumerable and unspeakable blessings to all eternity. Amen, Amen.

~Dr. Martin Luther

Dear Friends:

We welcome you in Jesus' name to Shepherd of the Hills. May God's Spirit give you peace as you ponder the JOY of your salvation!

Serving Today...

Homilies:

Rev. Duane Feldmann
Rev. John Larson
Rev. Roger Wohletz
Rev. Brad Stoltenow
Rev. Maurice Goldhammer
Rev. James Tuell
Rev. Rick Langness

Liturgist:

Rev. Brad Stoltenow

Musicians:

Gail Black, organ
Mary Brown, piano
members of
Shepherd's Chorale
Susan Shoaf, cello

2023-24 at Shepherd of the Hills
Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary Year!



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Brad Stoltenow, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

SALUTATION

2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor (P): The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation (C): Amen!

PRAYER

P: We pray: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to JOY but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen!

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5; Hebrews 12:2-4, 6

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

P: Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

ALL: The Lord disciplines the one He loves.

HYMN # 704 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

based on Psalm 51:10-12

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: MERCIFUL FORGIVENESS +++

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OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

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before me.
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and done what is
evil in Your sight,
so that You may
be justified in Your
words and
blameless in Your
judgment.

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did my mother
conceive me.
Behold, You
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the inward being,
and You teach me
wisdom in the
secret heart.

Purge me with
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Let me hear joy
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rejoice. Hide Your
face from my sins,
and blot out all my
iniquities.

HISTORY: FORGIVENESS Luke 23:33-35

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lamb of God and Joy of our Salvation!**

HYMN # 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

HOMILY

Rev. Duane Feldmann, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

RESPONSE OF JOY

Psalm 68:1, 3

P: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

ALL: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with JOY!

PRAYER

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: JUSTICE +++

~12:25~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

HYMN # 767 "Jesus, Remember Me" *sung three times*

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

HISTORY: GOD'S JUSTICE, OUR JUSTIFICATION Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." and He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!**

SOLO # 608 "Lord, to You I Make Confession" Brad Gillund

HOMILY

Rev. John Larson, Ascension, Littleton

RESPONSE OF JOY

Romans 15:13

P: May the God of hope fill you with all JOY and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

C: **Amen!**

PRAYER

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: LOVING-KINDNESS +++

~12:50~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:5-6

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

HISTORY: GOD’S COMPASSION John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!**

ANTHEM *O Sinner, Ponder* Quartet

HOMILY

Rev. Roger Wohletz, Christ, Denver

HYMN # 535 “How Wide the Love of Christ”

RESPONSE OF JOY

John 16:22, 30

P: You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your JOY from you.

C: **Amen. We believe!**

PRAYER

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: PERFECT CLEANSING +++
~1:15~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

HYMN # 588 “Jesus Loves Me”

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:7-9

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear JOY and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

HISTORY: THE COST OF CLEANSING Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!**

ANTHEM *When Jesus Wept* Shepherd’s Chorale

HOMILY

Rev. Brad Stoltenow, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

RESPONSE OF JOY

Habakkuk 3:17-18

P: Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

C: **yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take JOY in the God of my salvation.**

HYMN # 956 “Create In Me”

PRAYER

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: RESTORATION +++
~1:40~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

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HYMN # 597 “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

Create in me a
clean heart, O
God, and renew a
right spirit within
me. Cast me not
away from Your
presence, and take
not Your Holy
Spirit from me.
Restore to me the
joy of Your
salvation, and
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willing spirit.

Then I will teach
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to You. Deliver me
from
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God, O God of
my salvation, and
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O Lord, open my
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For You will not
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OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the JOY of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

HISTORY: THE PEACE OF RESTORATION John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!

HOMILY

Rev. Maurice Goldhammer, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

RESPONSE OF JOY

Isaiah 12:3-4

P: With JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

ALL: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted!

PRAYER

SOLO *Were You There* Susan Shoaf, cello

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: PRAISING AND PROCLAIMING +++

~2:05~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

ANTHEM *I Am The Resurrection and The Life* Shepherd's Chorale

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:13-15

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

HISTORY: TRIUMPHANT COMPLETION John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!

HYMN # 452:1-5 "O Perfect Life of Love"

HOMILY

Rev. Jim Tuell, Immanuel, Englewood

RESPONSE OF JOY

Isaiah 52:9-10

P: Burst into songs of JOY together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people;

C: He has redeemed Jerusalem.

P: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

ALL: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God!

PRAYER

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+++ The JOY of Our Salvation: ETERNAL LIFE +++

~2:30~

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:4-5

P: Jesus took up our griefs and carried our sorrows; Jesus was wounded for our sins; Jesus was crushed for our wickedness; upon Jesus was the punishment that brought us peace,

ALL: and with His wounds we are healed!

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:16-19

For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

HISTORY: GOD’S UNENDING GOODNESS Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” And having said this He breathed His last.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lamb of God and JOY of our Salvation!**

HYMN # 451:1, 3 & 4 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

HOMILY

Rev. Rick Langness, Beautiful Savior, Broomfield

RESPONSE OF JOY

Psalms 16:9-11

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C: **my flesh also dwells secure.**

P: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let Your Holy One see corruption.

ALL: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of JOY; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father,
Who art
in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass
against us;
and lead us
not into
temptation,
but deliver us
from evil.
For Thine
is the
kingdom,
and the
power
and the
glory,
forever
and ever.
AMEN

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: On this most holy day, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing also with great JOY in the Good News of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. We also recall our death and resurrection in the waters of Baptism. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

C: **“We were buried, therefore, with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”**

P: In Holy Baptism, God has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Let us together in Christ hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER

P: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death; and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through Your grace, eternal glory in the life to come.

C: **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen!**

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BLESSING

P: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great JOY,

ALL: to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. AMEN!

HYMN # 525:1, 4 & 5 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

✠ THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT! ✠

The Book of Psalms has been described as a medicine chest for our souls. In it we can find laments for the downtrodden, cries to God in trying times, and offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Whatever ails you, you will find balm in the Psalter. Even in less-than-ideal circumstances, we still have reason to praise God simply because of who He is. When we bid farewell to a loved one or we lose a job that provides our earthly comforts, we can still choose to praise Him. When our voices are choked with tears, when our hearts fail us, when our circumstances frustrate us, when life seems to let us down—we may still find in God's steadfast love that endures forever endless reason for JOYful worship and thankful praise. He is never less than our mighty Creator and loving Savior.

~Rev. Alistair Begg

Shepherd of the Hills Celebrates ~ You are welcome to join us!

Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness): 7:00 PM



Easter ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Sunrise: 6:30 AM | Traditional: 8/10:45 AM | Contemporary: 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast: 7-10 AM in the Parish Hall

Today
He who
hung the earth
upon the waters
is hung
upon
the cross.

He who
is King
of the angels
is arrayed
in a crown
of thorns.

He who
wraps the
heaven in clouds
is wrapped
in the purple
of mockery.

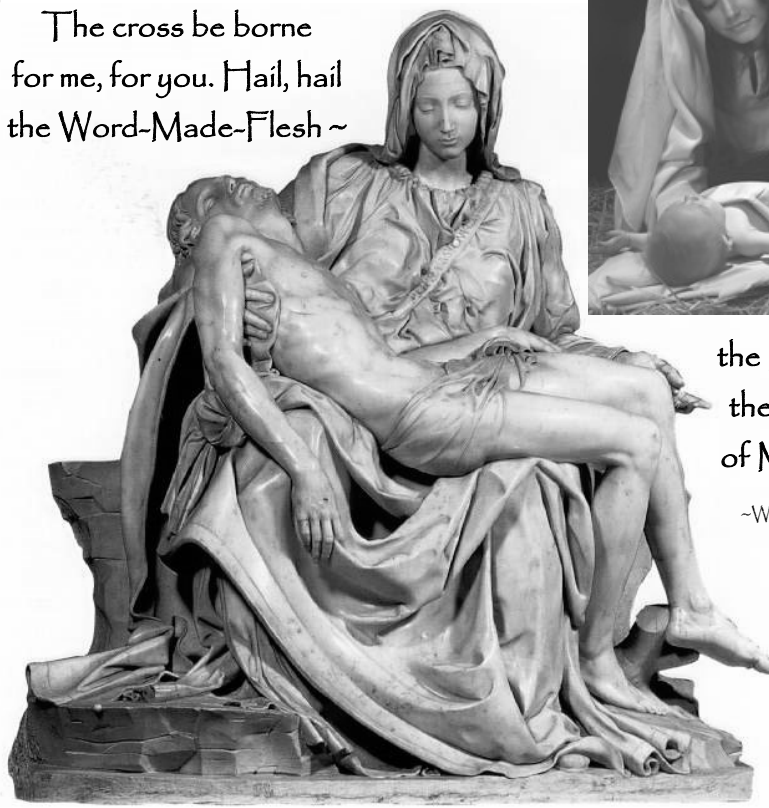
The
Bridegroom
of the Church
is transfixed
with nails.

The Son
of the Virgin
is pierced
with a spear.

We venerate
Thy Passion,
O Christ.

Show us also
Thy glorious
Resurrection.

Nails, spear shall
pierce Him through,
The cross be borne
for me, for you. Hail, hail
the Word-Made-Flesh ~



the Babe,
the Son
of Mary...

~W.C. Dix

