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- P** Psalmist King David knew his strengths and weaknesses. More importantly, he understood the complete forgiveness our gracious God offers. Let us use Psalm 32 as we confess our sins.
- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:1-5*
- P** Our gracious heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we have failed to admit that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have denied our faults to You, to our neighbors, and even to ourselves. We have wandered away from Your will and rule; we have taken Your blessings for granted. For Jesus’ sake forgive us, renew in us a desire to please You, and restore us to the path You would have us take in our life’s journey.**
- P** Because our Savior paid for all our sins with His passion and death, and because our Father in heaven accepted His sacrifice and raised Him on the third day, all who return and call out in Jesus’ name receive grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
- C** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.
- P** You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;
- C** You surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- P** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
- C** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C** and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *Psalms 32:6-11*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

- P** You will say in that day:

Left side: I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me,

Right side: Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me.

Left: Behold, God is my salvation;

Right: I will trust, and will not be afraid;

Left: for the LORD God is my strength and my song,

Right: and He has become my salvation.

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

Left: Give thanks to the LORD,

Right: call upon His name,

Left: make known His deeds among the peoples,

Right: proclaim that His name is exalted.

Left: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;

Right: let this be made known in all the earth.

- P** Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

C for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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