

Jeremiah 31:7–9

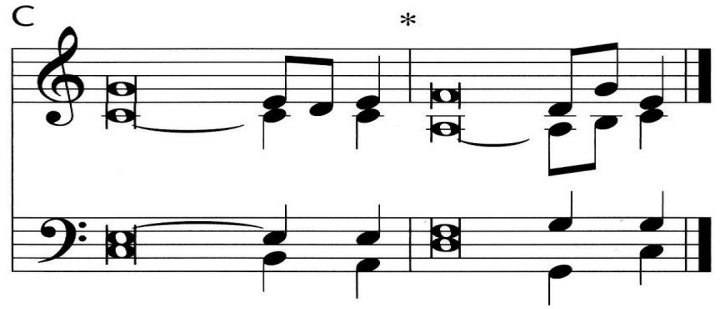
7 Thus says the Lord:

"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of
the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

8 Behold, I will bring them from the
north country
and gather them from
the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she
who is in labor, together;
a great company,
they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy
I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks
of water,
in a straight path in which
they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn."

**Psalm 126**

1 When the Lord restored
the fortunes of | Zion,*
we were like | those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled
with | laughter,*
and our tongue
with | shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great |
things for them."*

3 The Lord has done
great things for us; | we are glad.
4 Restore our fortunes, | O Lord,*
like streams in the | Negeb!

5 Those who | sow in tears*
shall reap with | shouts of joy!

6 He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for | sowing,*
shall come home
with shouts of joy,
bringing his | sheaves with him.

Hebrews 7:23–28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46–52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.