

Isaiah 12:1–6

1 You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

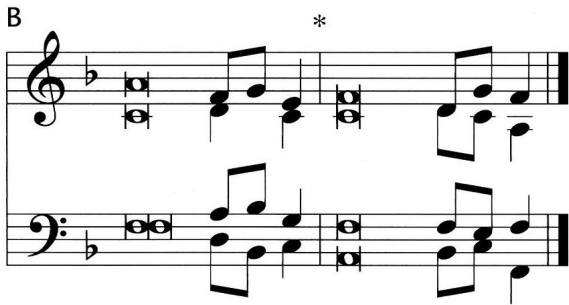
2 "Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

3 With joy you will draw water from the
wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 "Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is
the Holy One of Israel."

**Psalm 32**

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is
for- | given,*

whose sin is | covered.

2 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord
counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed
away*

through my groaning | all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy
up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat
of | summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time
when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of
de- | liverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way |
you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye
up- | on you.

9 Be not like a horse or a mule,
without under- | standing,*
which must be curbed with bit
and bridle,
or it will not stay | near you.

10 Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one
who trusts | in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice,
O | righteous,*
and shout for joy,
all you up- | right in heart!

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons.

¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"