

Isaiah 52:7-10, ESV

How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good
news of happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God
reigns.”

The voice of your watchmen—they lift
up their voice; together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see the return of the
Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you
waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord
has comforted his people; he has
redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before
the eyes of all the nations, and all the
ends of the earth shall see the salvation
of our God.

Romans 6:1-8, ESV

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have
been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death?

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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Video

The True Story of the 19th Century priest, Father Damien, who volunteered to go to the island of Molokai, to console and care for the lepers who were quarantined and abandoned there.

Molokai: The Story of Father Damien

**Gospel Reading:
Luke 4:16-21**

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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