

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**INVITATION:**

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. (Ps 80:3)

*Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.*

**BIBLE SONG:** Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.  
Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord,  
like streams in the Negev.  
Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

**PRAYER:**

Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

O Father, O Son, O Holy Spirit,  
forgive me my sins.  
O only-begotten Son of the heavenly Father,  
forgive.

O God who is one,  
O God who is true,  
O God who is first,  
O God who is one substance,  
O God only mighty,  
in three Persons, truly merciful,  
forgive.<sup>3</sup>

*Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.*

**INTERCESSION:**

\*for God to protect our families

\*for safety for our refugee families who are waiting to come to Canada

\*for the United Nation Peacekeepers around the world

*What else do you want to talk to God about?*

*How is God inviting you to respond?*

**BLESSING:**

The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)