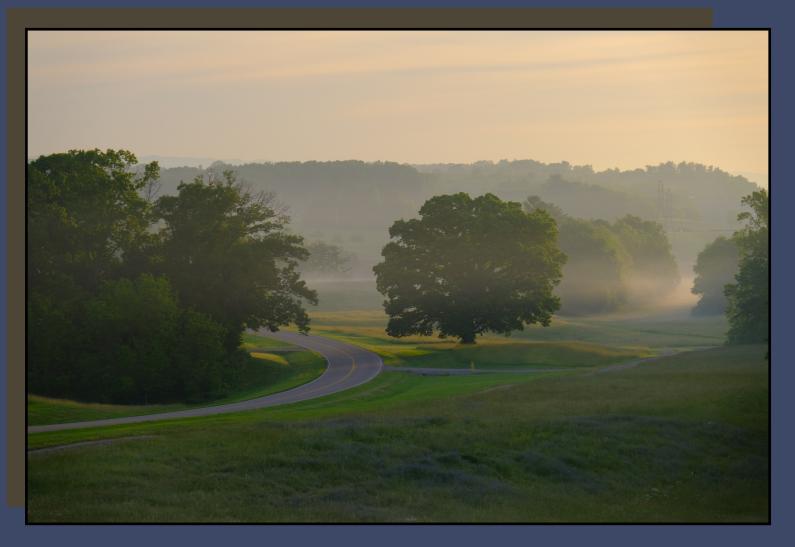
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from the Psalms

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This year has been like none we have ever known. Our world suffers in the grip of a pandemic. We have had to keep distance from each other, missing family celebrations and simple hugs. There have been no road trips and very few trips to the mountains. We have only been able to worship with our friends through a computer screen. We have suffered illness and watched people we love suffer. We have known the fear of death and spent much time alone. Truly this year our emotions have run the full gamut from sadness to joy and everything in between.

As in our lives this year, in the Psalms we find the full range of emotions: joy, praise, wonder, and lament. So I will fill this book with images and words from the Psalms. I pray God's word and pictures of his world will bring you the peace of kneeling at the feet of our Savior.



^{*}All Scripture taken from the English Standard Version



Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:4-5



You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11



Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Psalm 43:3





Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. Psalm 86:11-12

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3





Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:1

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. Psalm 95:3-4





You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Psalm 139:5-6

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2



For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. Psalm 18:28



He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Psalm 147:4-5



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1-2



Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 116:7-9

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2





Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? Psalm 71:19





The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. Psalm 89:11



Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! Psalm 113:2-3 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:5-6





The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. Psalm 119:130 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1





For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Psalm 36:9



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:4-5





Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. Psalm 104:1-2

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8

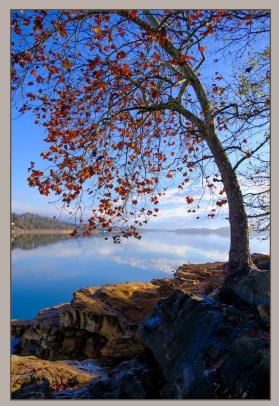




When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Psalm 56:3-4



By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Psalm 33:6-7



He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. Psalm 1:3



Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Psalm 57:8-10

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. Psalm 16:5-6.





But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love. Psalm 59:16-17



Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1-2





Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Psalm 96:11-12



Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

















Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Psalm 86:4-5











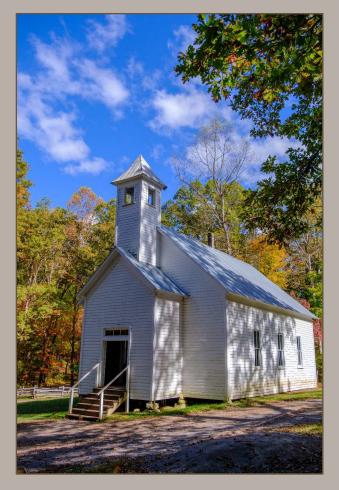




Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1

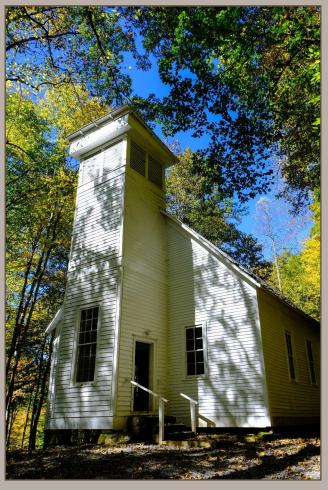


One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4



Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." Psalm 16:1





But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Psalm 5:7



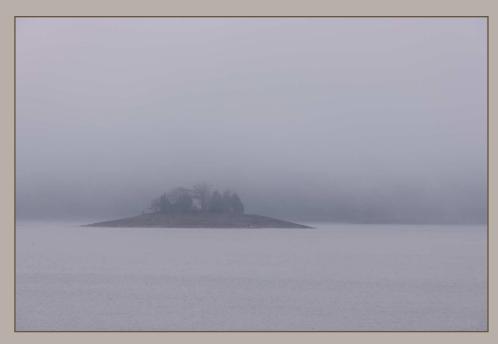
He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. Psalm 18:33

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? Psalm 42:1-2 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24





Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Psalm 37:3



Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

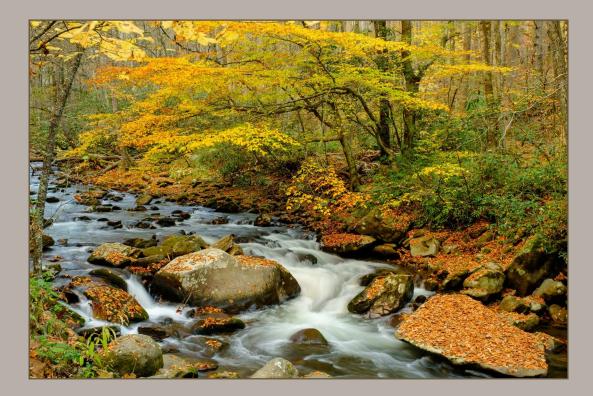
As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. Psalm 84:5-7

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:7-6

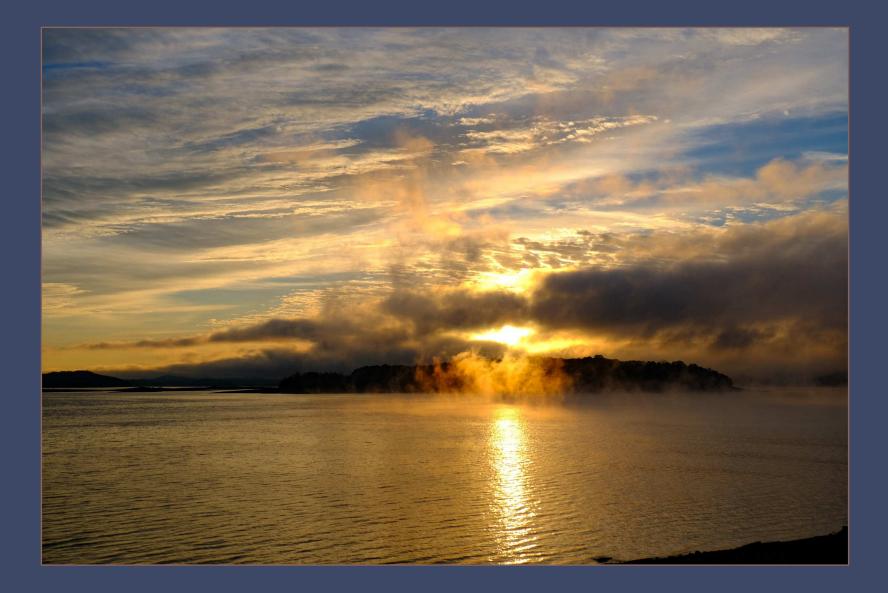


Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Psalm 98:8-8





For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Psalm 56:13



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