

Today's reading is Psalm 32. May God open our ears to the wisdom of the Word as we listen:

1The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

2The one the LORD doesn't consider guilty—  
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—  
that one is truly happy!

3When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;  
I was groaning all day long—  
every day, every night!—

4because your hand was heavy upon me.

My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.

5So I admitted my sin to you;

I didn't conceal my guilt.

"I'll confess my sins to the LORD, " is what I said.

Then you removed the guilt of my sin.

6That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,

so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

7You are my secret hideout!

You protect me from trouble.

You surround me with songs of rescue!

8I will instruct you and teach you

about the direction you should go.

I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.

9Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,

whose movement must be controlled

with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!

10The pain of the wicked is severe,

but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the LORD.

11You who are righteous, rejoice in the LORD and be glad!

All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God. Amen.