

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Scripture Reading: Psalm 137 | Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How could we sing the Lord’s song  
in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!  
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem’s fall,  
how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!”  
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!  
Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

The Word of the Lord!