

**Psalm 32** VU pg. 759-60

**Refrain: Be glad in God you righteous. Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.**

Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven, whose sin has been put away.

**Blessed are those to whom God imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Refrain.**

When I kept silence, my body wasted away, while I groaned all the day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my strength dried up as in a summer drought.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide.

**I said: “I will confess my sins to God”; and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you in time of trouble;

**when great floodwaters rises, it shall not come near them.**

You are a hiding place for me, you will preserve me from trouble;  
**you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. Refrain**

I will teach you, and guide you in the way you should go.

**I will keep you under my eye and instruct you.**

Be not like a horse or mule, without understanding,

**whose course must be checked with bit and bridle.**

Many pains are in store for the wicked,

**but whoever trusts in God, is surrounded by steadfast love. Refrain**



**Matthew 4: 1-11** NRSV Ue

**The Testing of Jesus**

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.

**And may they awaken in our hearts**