Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

a great company, they shall return hell With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³ Then they said among the nations, *

"The LORD has done great things for them."

⁴ The LORD has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

⁵ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶ Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.