

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32^{vi}

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures forever.

²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD *
and his wonders in the deep.

²⁵Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

²⁷They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁹He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

³¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

³² Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

^{vi} **About Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

This psalm encourages those whom God has rescued to give praise. Today's selection describes the fourth in a series of descriptions of divine rescues. Verses 23-32 portray divine rescues from the catastrophes of sea travel. God's action prompts a response of thanksgiving by the rescued