

Reading and prayer 1st December 2021

Sing, Daughter Zion;

shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,

Daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away your punishment,

he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;

never again will you fear any harm.

On that day

they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion;

do not let your hands hang limp.

The Lord your God is with you,

the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;

in his love he will no longer rebuke you,

but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Heavenly Father, we are amazed that the God of the whole universe would delight over us. We praise You for Your promises and for Your loving care. We thank You that You are our Shepherd and Your hand is over us, protecting us. Help us to hear and recognise Your voice and to follow You more closely. Amen.