

# “Blessed and Ever Singing”

*Readings:*

**Psalm 84:1-12**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

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<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
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where she may lay her young,  
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You make known to me  
the path of life;  
in your presence  
there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand  
are pleasures forevermore.

*(Psalms 16:11)*

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Are you pursuing joy in the LORD?

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**<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

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But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (*Philippians 3:7-8*)

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Where is your joy?