

*"Tears & Joy"*

**Luke 2:25-35**

**John 19:25-27**

**Mary, the Mother of Jesus**

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Jesus is taken to the Temple, Simeon takes the child in his arms and gives thanks to God, the father and mother are amazed at what Simeon said, Simeon speaks to Mary and concludes with "and sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

John 19:25-27

On the cross, Jesus tells John to take care of his mother.

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Because the knowing of who he is, overcomes the tears. It is hard to tell exactly how that happens I guess. But I guess in the church we describe it by saying that God's spirit takes up residence in us and works in us and assures us. It is this quiet conviction, this ultimate trust in God, this ability to have hope in a God who is greater than the disappointments of the moment.

I have heard that due to the economy the government has shut off the light at the end of the tunnel to save energy. I don't believe it. The light at the end of the tunnel is the bright hope of a better tomorrow. The light at the end of the tunnel is the sure conviction that whatever we go through God is present with us and working through it all. Do you believe it?