

FIRST READING – Isa 50:4-9a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM –31:9-18

- ⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.
- ¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- ¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- ¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
- ¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
- ¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
- ¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'
- ¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.
- ¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

SECOND READING – Phil. 2:5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. There, God raise him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

GOSPEL – Mk 11:1-11

✠The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.