

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER
— **PALM SUNDAY**
28TH MARCH, 2010

First Reading

Is. 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.”

R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

R.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

R.

I will tell of your name of my people
and praise you where they are assembled.
“You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all children of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, children of Israel.”

R.

Second Reading

Phil. 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear 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.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



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