

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>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 the Lord GOD wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>the one who vindicates me is near.

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

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## **Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>l</sup> am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>l</sup> and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>l</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>l</sup> are  
consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay  
to <sup>l</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>l</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>l</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>l</sup> broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>l</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>l</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You <sup>l</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>l</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who <sup>l</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>l</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>l</sup> steadfast love." R**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, although being in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but relinquished it all,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God, the Father.

## **Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And they will be sent immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."