

## Readings April 13, 2025

### Palm Sunday

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

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me  
a trained tongue,

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.

<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> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court 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, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to 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: Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”