



LECTIONARY

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

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.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because
of affliction, and my bones
are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach
to all my enemies and

even to my neighbors, a dismay
to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street
they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead
man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken
pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering
of the crowd; fear is all
around; *

they put their heads together
against me; they plot to take
my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.
15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those

who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

MATTHEW (26:36-27:10)27:11-66

See the passion Handouts



Prayers of the People

After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together

Please respond to each prayer with the phrase: **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray to God, whose Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, taught us to be humble in our piety: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop Kirk; Fr. Victor, and Fr. Donne.
(pause) Lord, in your mercy. Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: As Jesus stood firmly against the temptation of Satan, we ask God to guide and bless our Diocese. Especially the parish of San Pablo in Phoenix, AZ and the Anglican Communion Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Lord, in your mercy (pause). Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Just as Abram showed his faith in God, we pray for Sierra Vista that we may open our hearts with faith to welcome, respect and care for each other. (pause) Lord, in your mercy Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: As the Father of the Prodigal Son forgave him and was reconciled to his son, we pray that you will guide world leaders to ways of Justice and reconciliation. (pause) Lord, in your mercy .
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Help us to be aware and accountable for the environment around us.

(pause) Lord, in your mercy. Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Help us to recognize your divine face in the eyes of all who are suffering.

(pause) Lord, in your mercy. Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Remembering that Jesus told his disciples to follow Him and minister to the sick, poor and those in mourning: let us pray for those we now name--either aloud or silently in our hearts. (pause)
Lord, in your mercy. Response: **Hear our prayer!**