

Readings at Mass on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50.4-7

A reading from the Prophet, Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards; I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22(21). 8-9, 17-18A, 19-20, 23-24; R. V. 2A

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken 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, for in him he delights.' **R.**

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets 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.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' **R.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2.6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!**

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. **R.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 22.14-23.56

The Passion Gospel will be narrated this evening.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory
hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars.*

This evening's incense is Purbeck Rose.