

## 38 PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

### EUCCHARIST – YEAR B

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-7

*I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

4 “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.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

6 “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.

7 “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.”

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
8 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” **R.**

16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shrivelled;  
17 I can count all my bones. **R.**

18 They divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**  
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 2.6-11**

*Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Philippians 2.8-9**

*This verse may accompany the singing of the acclamation.  
If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.*

*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.*