



Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for
March 23rd & 24th, 2024*

First Reading

Don't turn my face away from insults, and I know I won't be embarrassed.

Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

At that time, Isaiah said: "The Lord has given me an expert tongue, so that I may comfort the downcast with words of encouragement. Tomorrow after tomorrow, the Lord awakens my ear, so that I may listen as a disciple. The Lord God has made me hear His words and I have not resisted or backed away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheek to those who pulled my beard. I did not turn my face away from insults and salvations. But the Lord helps me, so I will not be confused, so I hardened my face like rock and I know that I will not be ashamed. **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 21

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

* All who see me mock me; They gesture to me and say, "I trusted in the Lord, so that he will save you; If you really love him, let him deliver. **R.**

* The wicked surround me everywhere like rabid dogs. My hands and feet have drilled and you can count all my bones. **R.**

* They divide my garments among themselves and play my tunic with dice. Lord, my help, come and help me, do not stay so far away from me. **R.**

* To my brethren I will count your glory and, in the assembly, I will praise your name. Let those who fear Him praise the Lord. May the people of Israel always worship Him. **R.**



Second Reading

Christ humbled Himself; that's why God exalted him.

Reading from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, being God, did not consider that he should cling to the prerogatives of his divine condition, but, on the contrary, he became self-conscious, taking the status of a servant, and became like men.

Thus, made one of them, he humbled himself and by obedience accepted even death, and a death of the cross. Therefore, God exalted him above all things and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus everyone might bend their knees in heaven, on earth, and in the depths, and all might publicly recognize that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

Holy Gospel

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 11, 1-10

Glory to you, Lord

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King - As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to



the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and

found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" **Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***