

**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 awakens—  
 awakens 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 up 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?

**Psalms 31:9-16**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in  
 Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point  
 of death—  
 even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of 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: Matthew 26:14—27:66**  
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**or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]**