

March 29th, 2026, readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,

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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Psalm: 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 am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, 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 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to 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

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**