



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOTE: The 8:00 service will have just one reading and the Psalm read each week. The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation with the Reader beginning with the first verse. PLEASE READ THE LESSONS FROM THE LECTERN.

THE LESSON

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8 AM

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader says: **A reading from the book of Isaiah**

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Pause, then read the Psalm.

Reader says: **Psalm 31 will be read responsively by whole verse.**

Reader **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

People For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

Reader **I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

People I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a
broken pot.

Reader **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.**

People But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are
my God.

Reader **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my
enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

People Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-
kindness save me."