



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Please read the lesson from the lectern.*

**THE LESSON**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**5:00 PM**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Reader says:* **A reading from the book of the prophet 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 118, verses 1 through 2 and 19 through 29, will be read responsively by whole verse.**

**Reader Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.**

**People** Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures for ever.”

**Reader Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**People** “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”

**Reader I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.**

**People** The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Reader This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**People** On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Reader Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.**

**People** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**Reader God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**People** “You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

**Reader Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.**