

## YEAR A & C, TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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

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## **Psalm 71: 1–12**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 71, verses 1 through 12, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 683.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me  
free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the  
wicked, \*  
from of the clutches of the evildoer and the  
oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.

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- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was  
born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my  
strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel  
together.
- 11 They say, "God has forsaken him;  
go after him and seize him; \*  
because there is none who will save."
- 12 O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

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*In Holy Week there is no verse before the Gospel. The Reader then returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Minister*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Though Jesus had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him; it was that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe. For Isaiah again said, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.” Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in me, believes not in

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me but in him who sent me. And he who sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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