

Please join me in reading Isaiah 50.

Leader: The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,

**People: that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.**

Leader: Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

**People: The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.**

Leader: I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

**People: I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.**

Leader: But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

**People: therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.**

Leader: Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

**People: Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.**

Leader: Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

**People: Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.***

A reading from Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 through 11. You can find the reading on page 611 in your pew Bible.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.