

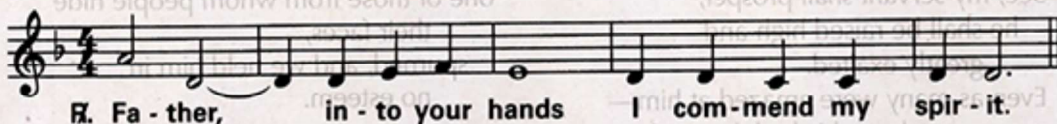
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
 and smitten for the sin of his people,
 a grave was assigned him among the wicked
 and a burial place with evildoers,
 though he had done no wrong
 nor spoken any falsehood.
 But the LORD was pleased
 to crush him in infirmity.
 If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
 he shall see his descendants in a long life,
 and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
 he shall see the light
 in fullness of days;
 through his suffering, my servant shall
 justify many,
 and their guilt he shall bear.
 Therefore I will give him his portion
 among the great,
 and he shall divide the spoils
 with the mighty,
 because he surrendered himself to death
 and was counted among the wicked;
 and he shall take away the sins of many,
 and win pardon for their offenses.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25



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- ▶ In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
 let me never be put to shame.
 In your justice rescue me.
 Into your hands I commend my spirit;
 you will redeem me, O LORD,
 O faithful God. **R.**
- ▶ For all my foes I am an object
 of reproach,
 a laughingstock to my neighbors,
 and a dread to my friends;
 they who see me abroad flee
 from me.

- I am forgotten like
 the unremembered dead;
 I am like a dish that is broken. **R.**
- ▶ But my trust is in you, O LORD;
 I say, "You are my God.
 In your hands is my destiny; rescue me
 from the clutches of my enemies
 and my persecutors." **R.**
- ▶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your kindness.
 Take courage and be stouthearted,
 all you who hope in the LORD. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.