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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: SIR 36:18
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

READING I: IS 50:5-9a
One of the “songs of the servant,” this poem describes the faithful Israelite as one who has suffered for fidelity to God. Despite such suffering, the servant holds true to faith, knowing that the “LORD God is my help.”

PSALM RESPONSE:
Ps 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)
(R) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING II: JAS 2:14-18
The letter continues its application of Christian principle “love your neighbor as yourself” to daily practice, especially within our faith community. “Show no partiality” is a hard charge to practice, even today.

GOSPEL: MK 8:27-35
By healing a man who cannot hear and has trouble speaking, Jesus reveals his role as the one who will heal those who are spiritually blind and unable to proclaim their faith in the God of Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
JN 10:14
I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.