

Sunday 12 September 2027
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God

 has taught me wisdom,
 so that I may speak
 words of comfort
 to the weary.

Morning by morning,

 the Lord God awakens me,
 so that I may learn wisdom
 as a servant of the Lord.

When I face

 persecution
 and violence,

I do not hide my face,
 or turn away.

Let my accusers
 confront me.

I will set my face like flint.

For I know

 that the Lord God
 brings justice,
and I will not
 be defeated
 or ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - *James 3.2-5,7-11*

A reading from the letter of James.

Every species on earth

 has been tamed,
but no one can tame the tongue, which is
 recklessly dangerous,
 and full of poison.

The tongue is small,
 but has great power,

like the bit

 in the mouth
 of a horse,

or the rudder
 of a great ship,

or the spark

 that can set a whole forest ablaze.

With the tongue, we praise

 our Lord and Father;

and with the same tongue, we curse

 our neighbours, who are made
 in the image of God.

Fresh and foul water

 do not flow
 from the same spring.

And yet

 from the same mouth
 come both blessings and curses.

We all have many faults,

 but if only we could control the tongue,
 we would soon have perfect self-control
 in everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - *Mark 8.27-35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

Jesus went with his disciples
 towards the villages
 north of Galilee.

On the way,

 he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say
 that I am?'

The disciples replied, 'Some say

 John the Baptist;

others say

 Elijah, or one of the prophets.'

Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say
 that I am?'

Peter said, 'You are
 the Messiah.'

Jesus warned the disciples
 to say this to nobody.

And he began to teach them
 that the Son of Man
 must undergo
 great suffering:

that he would be rejected by the elders,
 the chief priests,
 and the teachers of the law,

and be killed,
 and after three days,
 rise again.

Peter took Jesus aside,
 and began to rebuke him.

But Jesus turned,
 and looked at his disciples,
 and rebuked Peter,
saying: 'Get behind me, Satan;
 for your mind
 is still set
 on the human,
 and not the divine.'

Then Jesus

 said to the crowd, as well as
 to his disciples, 'If any
 one of you
 wishes to be
 my disciple,
 you must deny yourself,
 take up your cross,
 and follow me.

If you try
 to save your life,
 you will lose it.

But if you lose your life,
 for my sake,
 and for the sake of the gospel,
 you will find it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.