**Mass Readings: St John Ogilvie, Priest, Martyr**

**First reading**

**Isaiah 50:5-9**

**I offered my back to those who struck me**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who will dare to condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 76(77):12-16,21**

*I remember the deeds of the Lord.*

I remember the deeds of the Lord,

I remember your wonders of old,

I muse on all your works

and ponder your mighty deeds.

*I remember the deeds of the Lord.*

Your ways, O God, are holy.

What god is great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders.

You showed your power among the peoples.

*I remember the deeds of the Lord.*

Your strong arm redeemed your people,

the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

You guided your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

*I remember the deeds of the Lord.*

**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-7**

**We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt5:10**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Happy those who are persecuted

in the cause of right,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel**

**John 12:24-26**

**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I tell you, most solemnly,

unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world

will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.’