

But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
16:21-27*

Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised.