

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 42: 5-9

Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched
 them out,
 who spreads out the earth with its crops,
Who gives breath to its people,
 and spirit to those who walk on it:
I, the Lord, have called you for the victory
 of justice,
 I have grasped you by the hand:
I formed you, and set you
 as a covenant of the people,
 a light for the nations,
To open the eyes of the blind,
 to bring out prisoners from confinement,\
 and from the dungeon, those who live in
 darkness.
I am the Lord, this is my name:
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the earlier things have come to pass,
 new ones I now foretell:
Before they spring into being,
 I announce them to you.

The Word of the Lord.