

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born, I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God!

Behold, I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a youth.”

But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth;’
for to all to whom I send you,
you shall go,
and whatever I command you,
you shall speak.

Be not afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.