

## **A reading from the book of Isaiah**

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob,  
whom I have chosen,  
offspring of Abraham my friend.  
You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth  
and summoned from its far-off places.  
To whom I have said,  
you are my servant;  
I chose you; I have not rejected you.  
Do not fear: I am with you;  
do not be anxious: I am your God.  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.  
For I am the Lord, your God,  
who grasp your right hand;  
it is I who say to you,  
do not fear!  
I will help you.

**The Word of the Lord**