A reading from the Prophet Micah

- With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow before God most high?
- Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriad streams of oil?
- Shall I give my firstborn for my crime, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:
 Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

The Word of the Lord