

Isaiah 42:1-3

I have put my spirit upon my servant.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

In Christ you also,

when you have heard the word of truth,

the Gospel of your salvation,

and had believed in him,

were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption

as God's own people,

to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus

and your love toward all the saints,

and for this reason,

I do not cease to give thanks for you

as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of glory,

may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation

as you come to know him,

so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,

what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

among the saints,

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power

for us who believe.

The word of the Lord.

John 16: 5b-7, 12-13a

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Now I am going to him who sent me;
yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

But because I have said these things to you,
Sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth:

It is to your advantage that I go away,
the Advocate will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send him to you.

I still have many things to say to you,
But you cannot hear them now.

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth;
for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.