

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord **God** has **given** me
a **well** trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after **morning**

he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not **rebelled**,
have **not** turned back.
I gave my **back** to those who beat me,
my **cheeks** to those who plucked my **beard**;
my face I did not shield
From **buffets** and **spitting**.

The Lord **God** is my **help**,
therefore I will not be **disgraced**;
I have set my face like **flint**,
Knowing that I will not be put to **shame**.

The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7