

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (41:9-11.13,14)

You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off. Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I Will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

All who are incensed against you will be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you will be as nothing and will perish. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you'. Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

The word of the Lord.