

## **A reading from the prophet Isaiah (61:1-3)**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed;  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning.

The word of the Lord.