

ISAIAH 42: 1-7
(Wednesday 1st March)

¹ Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

² He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

³ He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
⁴ he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
he who created the heavens and spread them out,
who gave shape to the earth and what comes from it,
who gave breath to its people
and life to the creatures that move in it:

⁶ I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.