

ISAIAH 50: 4-9
(Wednesday 15th March)

⁴ The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
⁵ The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
⁶ I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

⁷ The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

⁸ My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.

⁹ The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?