

## **First Reading**

### **A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

But now, says the Lord, who created you, who formed you.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name,

you are mine.

Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you;

or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.

Should you walk through fire,

you will not be scorched, and the flames will not burn you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

You are precious in my eyes,

you are honored, and I love you.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord