

**SERVANT SONGS from ISAIAH**  
**New American Bible**

The Old Testament book of Isaiah is a collection of oracles by the prophet and his followers, eight centuries before the time of Jesus.

**Chapter 42 (OT 884)**

**Monday, March 26**

**THE SERVANT OF THE LORD**

**1**

Here is my servant\* whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased.  
Upon him I have put my spirit;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

**2**

He will not cry out, nor shout,  
nor make his voice heard in the street.

**3**

A bruised reed\* he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.  
He will faithfully bring forth justice.

**4**

He will not grow dim or be bruised  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands\* will wait for his teaching.

**5**

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and its produce,  
Who gives breath to its people  
and spirit to those who walk on it:

**6**

I, the LORD, have called you for justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

**7**

To open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Tuesday, March 27

CHAPTER 49 (OT 892)  
THE SERVANT OF THE LORD\*

1

Hear me, coastlands,  
listen, distant peoples.  
Before birth the LORD called me,  
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.\*

2

He made my mouth like a sharp-edged sword,  
concealed me, shielded by his hand.  
He made me a sharpened arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me.

3

He said to me, You are my servant,  
in you, Israel,\* I show my glory.

4

Though I thought I had toiled in vain,  
for nothing and for naught spent my strength,  
Yet my right is with the LORD,  
my recompense is with my God.

5

For now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
That Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!

6

It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.\*

7

Thus says the LORD,  
the redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
To the one despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers:  
When kings see you, they shall stand up,  
and princes shall bow down  
Because of the LORD who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you.

**CHAPTER 50 (OT 894)**

**4**

**\* The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
That I might know how to answer the weary  
a word that will waken them.**

**Morning after morning  
he wakens my ear to hear as disciples do;**

**5**

**The Lord GOD opened my ear;  
I did not refuse,  
did not turn away.\***

**6**

**I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who tore out my beard;\*  
My face I did not hide  
from insults and spitting.**

**7**

**The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
Therefore I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.**

**Sunday, March 25  
Wednesday, March 28**

**CHAPTER 52: 13 - Ch 53 (OT 896)**

**Who would believe what we have heard?\***  
**To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

**2**

**He grew up like a sapling before him,  
like a shoot from the parched earth;  
He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye,  
no beauty to draw us to him.**

**3**

**He was spurned and avoided by men,  
a man of suffering, knowing pain,  
Like one from whom you turn your face,  
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.**

**4**

**Yet it was our pain that he bore,  
our sufferings he endured.  
We thought of him as stricken,**

**Friday, March 30**

struck down by God\* and afflicted,

5

But he was pierced for our sins,  
crushed for our iniquity.

He bore the punishment that makes us whole,  
by his wounds we were healed.

6

We had all gone astray like sheep,  
all following our own way;

But the LORD laid upon him\*  
the guilt of us all.

7

Though harshly treated, he submitted  
and did not open his mouth;

Like a lamb led to slaughter  
or a sheep silent before shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

8

Seized and condemned, he was taken away.  
Who would have thought any more of his destiny?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
struck for the sins of his people.

9

He was given a grave among the wicked,  
a burial place with evildoers,  
Though he had done no wrong,  
nor was deceit found in his mouth.