

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1a - 5a

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; In the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; The flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in return for you. Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, And because I love you, I give men in return for you And peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you. The Word of the Lord.