

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the Lord has anointed me; He has
sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, To
heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives And release to the prisoners;
to announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God, to
comfort all who mourn; to place on those
who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of
ashes, to give them oil of gladness in place
of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a
listless spirit. They will be called oaks of
justice, planted by the Lord to show his
glory. The Word of the Lord.