

# Lenten Reflection

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## *Here I am God!*

As we walk this very powerful Holy Week together, let us reflect on the words of the First Reading: “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon whom I have put my Spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street.” (Isaiah 42:1-2) These words of Scripture beckon us back to the proclamation spoken to Jesus by His loving Father, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matt 4:17) Both of these phrases in Sacred Scripture manifest a very intimate and loving relationship that exists between the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. Because we are part of the Mystical Body, we too, have possibly heard these words in one of our cherished and personal encounters with our loving God. “You are my beloved daughter” or “You are my beloved son.” What an overwhelming experience this was or can be. Perhaps, each of us needs to take some time today, close our eyes and place ourselves in the presence of God. After a few minutes, let our whole being declare slowly and softly, “Here I am, God.” Then, wait for our loving Creator’s response.

Another portion of this Scripture, “...I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations...” (Isaiah 42:6) Again, just as our heavenly Father/Mother set Jesus “as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations,” perhaps, we are placed in situations where we, too, following a Divine inspiration, have helped people to grow in their relationship with our provident God and/or shared something that touched the lives of another.

Especially in the coming days, may each of us take some special moments to offer our compassionate God the gracious invitation to our prayer: “Here I am God!”

