

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother
he named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength
for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the Lord,
and my recompense with my God."

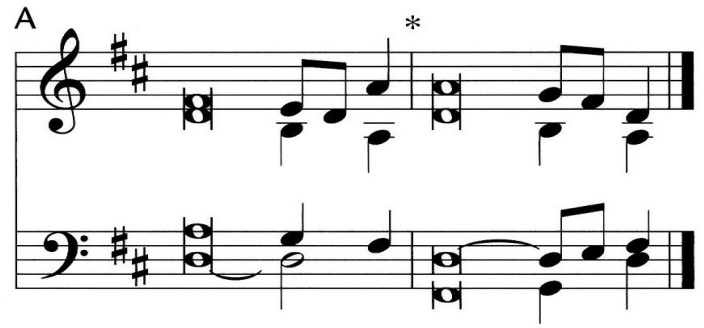
⁵ And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb
to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should
be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:

"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall
prostrate themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel,
who has chosen you."

**Psalm 40:1–11**

¹ I waited patiently | for the Lord;*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the | miry bog,*
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my | steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust | in the Lord.

⁴ Blessèd is the man who makes
the | Lord his trust,*
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!*

I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,
but you have given me an | open ear.*
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have | not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;*
in the scroll of the book
it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸ I desire to do your will, | O my God;*
your law is with- | in my heart."

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congre- | gation;*
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, | O Lord.

¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance
within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your sal- | vation;*

I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness
from the great congre- | gation.

¹¹As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mer- | cy from me;*
your steadfast love
and your faithfulness will
ever pre- | serve me!

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an
apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother
Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to
those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints together with all those who in every place
call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was given you
in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were
enriched in him in all speech and all
knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ
was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will
sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

John 1:29–42a

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming
toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he
of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who
ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I
myself did not know him, but for this purpose I
came baptizing with water, that he might be
revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I
saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know
him, but he who sent me to baptize with water
said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit
descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with
the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have
borne witness that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day again John was standing
with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at
Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the
Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him
say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned
and saw them following and said to them, "What
are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi"
(which means Teacher), "where are you
staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will
see." So they came and saw where he was
staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it
was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who
heard John speak and followed Jesus was
Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found
his own brother Simon and said to him, "We
have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
⁴²He brought him to Jesus.