



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

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Servant



Scripture: Isaiah 49: 5-6

And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Reflection

There are a number of texts in Isaiah prophesying about the Messiah that can be called ‘the Suffering Servant texts’. In these texts the Suffering Servant is characterised by profound suffering, rejection, and vicarious atonement for others' sins. Jesus is sometimes referred to as a ‘Servant King’. Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper can be seen as him serving the disciples. What comes to mind when you think of Jesus as a Servant?

To Listen

The Servant King by Graham Kendrick