

### Reflection Monday of Holy Week 2023

The reading from Isaiah is written in reference to the **suffering servant** and is taken to refer to the Messiah, to Jesus Christ. The Lord, having put his Spirit in him, says of Jesus, *I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations*. God says these same words to us in Baptism when we were called to be Good News, to spread Good News wherever we find ourselves. God then continues to walk with us throughout our lives, helping and forming us whenever we let him. In this way we become a light to the nations and sign to others that God keeps his promises. God is faithful and loyal to us even when we fail in our mission. In Holy Week we are invited to journey with Jesus closely, the closer the better, so as to learn from him. We will experience how the Father accompanied him and supported him throughout his trials. We will encounter the challenges he faced and how the Father helped him through them. But most of all we will be touched and deeply moved by the love the Father had for Jesus and by the love of Jesus for the Father. It was this love that enabled Jesus to say *“Not my will but your will be done!”* The more we enter into Jesus’ experience this week, the more able we will be able to respond in the same way, *“Father, not my will but your will be done!”*