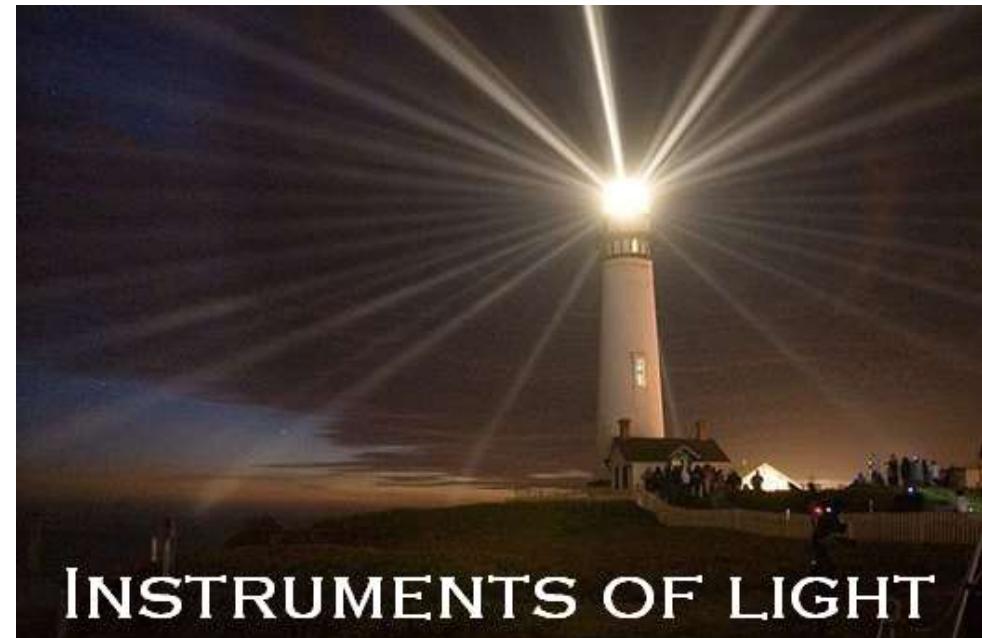


Gospel Reading – Isaiah 49:1-7 (NRSVUE)

The Servant's Mission

49 Listen to me, O coastlands;
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
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 cause is with the LORD
 and my reward with my God."
5 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 honored in the sight 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 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."
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 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
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Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing Mike Tittle, Jake Van Schagen
Greeter	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
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