**A reading of the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

The disciplesapproached Jesus and said,

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,

“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,

you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever humbles himself like this child

is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**