

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

And they were bringing children to him,  
that he might touch them;  
and the disciples rebuked them.

But when Jesus saw it he was indignant,  
and said to them, “Let the children come to me,  
do not hinder them; for to such belongs  
the kingdom of God.

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive  
the kingdom of God like a child  
shall not enter it.”

And he took them in his arms and blessed them,  
laying his hands upon them.

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**