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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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All the nations

Have you ever heard something in another language...and you didn't know what it meant? Maybe you wondered what somebody was saying, but nobody even told you. Maybe it wasn't so important after all.

You know what today is! Today is Pascha (Easter). Today, at church, we hear the good news—the best news! We hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ, rose from the dead. We hear how He is still with us. Long ago, Jesus's followers wrote this good news down so people could read it and



know about it. Jesus told His followers to go to all the nations, yes, to go all over the world. God wants the whole world to know the good news—that Christ rose from the dead! He wants the whole world to know about Him. He wants the whole world to know how we can grow close to Him.

Today, at church, we hear this good news in lots of different languages. We hear the good news in so many languages, because we know that God wants everybody to know about it. Today, you might hear the gospel (the good news) in 5 or 10 or even 15 languages. But do you know how many languages the good news has been written down in? More than 1,500 languages! This good news is so important, that we Christians want everybody to know about it. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

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Have you ever given somebody

a message? Maybe your parents told you to tell your teacher something. Or maybe you told a friend to tell another friend something.

God asked people to give messages for Him too! These special people were called prophets. The Prophet Isaiah lived 700 years before Christ lived. God wanted Isaiah to tell the people some things for him. At that time, the people were worshiping false gods, called

idols. God wanted the people to turn back to Him, and Prophet Isaiah gave the people the message.

We read the words of the Prophet Isaiah around Christmas time, because he told how a woman (Mary) would have a baby without an earthly father. We read the words of the Prophet Isaiah during Holy Week, because he told how the Savior would be hurt for our sins.

And each time before we have Holy Communion, we sing with the choir the words of the Prophet Isaiah, because he tells about the angels in heaven. They say, "Holy, holy holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory."

So the holy Prophet Isaiah gave God's messages that we still hear today!

We celebrate the prophet Isaiah on Thurs, May 9th (OC: May 22nd).