

# SAINT PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*A Ministry of the Diocese of North Carolina*

*Serving the Mooresville and Lake Norman area*

*The Reverend Mark S. Forbes, Rector*

*The Reverend Sarah E. Blais, Deacon*

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2010

## New Zealand Eucharist Thanksgiving of the People of God

### The Ministry of Word and Prayer

Prelude: "Sinfonia, Ayre, and Trumpet Tune"

*Henry Purcell*

Processional Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Runyan*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth.

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove;  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing , by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

## The Gathering of the Community

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

- People: Grace and peace to you from God.  
 Celebrant: **God fill you with truth and joy.**  
 People: This is the day which the Lord has made.  
 Celebrant: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 People: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
 Celebrant: **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The following is said in unison:*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Summary of the Law

Hear the teaching of Christ:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And a second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

*People: Spirit of God, search our hearts.*

*The Kyries are said.*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

*The Celebrant says*

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins

***Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.***

*The Absolution is declared by the Celebrant*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. ***Amen.***

*The following is then said*

*Celebrant: The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.*

*People: The word of Christ dwell in us richly.*

## The Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## **The Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Proclamation of God's Holy Word**

### **The Readings**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 138**

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
2. I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3. For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
4. When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
5. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
6. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
7. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
9. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the words of your hands.

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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Sequence Hymn: "Amazing Grace!"

New Britain

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel – Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel

Omit Verse 5

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' " And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived,

and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
*Praise to Christ, the Word.*

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission  
*That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.*

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
*Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.*

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

***That all may act with integrity and courage.***

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

We pray for all people in need, especially:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

***May they know the power of your healing love.***

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

***Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.***

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

***Father, into your hands we commend them.***

Give comfort to those who mourn.

***Bring them peace in their time of loss.***

We praise you for Patrick and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory

***May their example inspire and encourage us.***

We thank you for all life's blessings, especially:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*All standing, the Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

Offertory Anthem:

*The Celebrant holds up offering and says*

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

*People: **All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.***

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant: The Lord is here.*

*People: **God's Spirit is with us.***

*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.***

Honour and worship are indeed your due, our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ, for you created all things; by your will they were created, and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us before the foundation of the world to be your people; you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

Above all we give you thanks and praise for your grace in sending Jesus Christ, who suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

All glory and honour to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come in glory.***

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

***From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as Christ taught us, we pray together,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

*The priest breaks the bread*

*Silence may be kept.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People:* ***We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.***

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for God's people.

Communion Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

Alleluia #1

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

*1-4* *Final Ending*

praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -

Now we shall live for ev - er.

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

## Prayer After Communion

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

*People:*

***Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

## The Dismissal of the Community

*The Celebrant gives the blessing to the congregation*

Recessional Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

*Slane*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

*The congregation is sent out with these words.*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

*People:*

***Amen. We go in the name of Christ.***

This morning's order of worship is taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989, and has been authorized for use in this church by our Bishops. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia with its beginnings in 1814, is made up of several Pacific Island nations in addition to New Zealand. It is a three Tikanga (custom, criterion) church, seeking to be faithful as a people of God within three cultural streams – Maori, Pakeha, and Polynesian. Each part of the church has equal autonomy, status and respect, and is bound together by a common constitution and mission statement. There are nine dioceses in this Province and the Presiding Bishop of the region is The Most Reverend John Paterson.

**SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*Celebrant:* N. N., we send you out to share Communion this week with N.N.  
*People:* ***May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.***  
*Celebrant:* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that Community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT PATRICK'S**

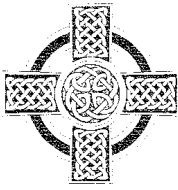
Monday, July 26	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Narthex
Tuesday, July 27	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, July 29	7:15 p.m.	Saiseekers	Rector's Office

**Welcome to our Visitors and Newcomers**

We are happy to have you with us. This service is part of our ongoing life of worship, learning and service. We are here to deepen our relationship with God and with one another, and to explore how to live our lives more fully and compassionately. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in all aspects of our worship, most importantly by sharing with us in our common meal at God's Table.

We invite you to continue the journey with us; ask questions, attend our educational offerings, participate in the activities of this community. We invite you to return again next week for Eucharist at **9:30**. Please be aware that we offer a nursery for children ages three and under. The nursery is located at the very end of the education wing on the right-hand side of the hallway.

**Those persons serving our community:** Chalice Bearers: Meredith Kratt; Lectors: Steve Messick, Jackie Pehan; Psalm and Prayers of the People: Rosemary Bramigk; Acolytes: Pat Patterson, Meredith Kratt, Ian Cook, Lucy Kratt, Gracie Steelhammer; Vestry Person of the Day: Mark McCulloh; Greeters: Peggy and Bob Smith; Altar Guild: Rick Krumel, Jon Ramsey; Ushers: Steve and Beth Vannais, Dave and Dale Addington; Counters: Mark McCulloh, Beth Vannais; Lay Minister of Healing: Jessie Banks; Nursery Volunteers: Jean Messick, Brittany Fowler.



# Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

## The Sunday News

July 25, 2010

*Loving People, Loving Jesus.*

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### EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION & RECEPTION



Eric Vannais would like to invite the Saint Patrick's community to attend his Eagle Ceremony and consecration immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service today. After the ceremony, there will be a reception and luncheon. "Thank you for supporting my Eagle project, and I hope you will enjoy your new outdoor worship space!" –Eric Vannais

### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!! AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>!!

Saint Patrick's, along with several other local churches and businesses, is sponsoring the Back to School Bash '10 on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This event provides free school supplies to students K-12 in the South Iredell region who need assistance. The Bash will be held at Williamson Chapel Methodist from 10:00am – 3:00 pm, and it will feature games, prizes, free haircuts for students and other fun activities along with the opportunity to pick up school supplies. As part of being a sponsor, we are conducting a drive at Saint Patrick's to collect school supplies to be donated for the children who need them. Needed items include: Elementary/Character book bags, blue or black pens, #2 pencils, marbled composition notebooks, loose leaf notebook paper (college or wide ruled), Markers, plastic folders, Kleenex, 3 ring binders 1-3 inches, 3 subject spiral notebooks, crayons, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes and new or gently used fiction books. If you can contribute some of these items, please bring them to Saint Patrick's by Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes will be set up on the narthex.



### PARADE OF TABLES IS COMING!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Come One! Come All! Join the Parade! Not your normal, mundane, everyday, ho-hum parade ... this is a **Parade of Tables!!!** And the sky's the limit so let your creative talents run rampant! The tables may be designed with a theme using creativity and "treasures." Most tables will seat 6-7 and may be set formally, traditionally, informally, or whimsically with china, silver, stainless, pottery, paper (as a charger) or plastic. Let your imaginations run wild! The Parade of Tables will be held on Saturday, September 18th 2010. "Parade" the Tables at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. Parade of Tables will be held at Saint Patrick's and is open to anyone who wants to participate. ECW is sponsoring the event as a fundraising event. If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please contact Judy Willingham (704) 799-9734. There are many ways you can become involved. Please look for the volunteer listing in the July edition of *Passages*





### **SACRAMENT OF HEALING OFFERED EACH SUNDAY**

The Sacrament of Healing is offered at Saint Patrick's Altar at each 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday morning. During the Eucharist, one of our Lay Ministers of Healing will be available for laying on of hands and prayer following reception of the bread and wine. Our Lay Ministers of Healing are Jessie Banks, Pam Ferdinands and Jane Pope.

### **Why We Do What We Do**

#### **What Is A Votive Candle Prayer Station?**

Have you noticed the votive candle prayer station in the back right of the church? In the Episcopal tradition, the lighting of a votive candle represents a particular prayer on a person's heart. Symbolically, light dispels darkness. The candle flame can also be a sign of joyful thanksgiving. Candles may be lit any time before or during worship services.

#### **What Is The Significance of the Tabernacle Candle?**

The Gospel of John represents Christ as light to the world. The Tabernacle Candle sits above the Tabernacle which hosts consecrated bread and wine. Sitting in a small window, the Tabernacle Candle signifies to the world the real presence of Christ among us. Except for Good Friday and Holy Saturday, it never ceases to be lit.

#### **Why is the Gospel read from the middle of the church?**

In Christ, God comes into the very midst of humanity. The Gospel reading speaks to the life of Christ incarnate in the person of Jesus. Therefore, it is ritually significant that the life story of Jesus be read in the middle of the people.