



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022: Shepherds Share

Away in a Manger

(The crucifer / acolyte and second teacher light candles as children sing song)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity:

Leader: Now is a time to calm our bodies, collect our thoughts, and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for giving us stories that show us that you love us. **Amen.**

The Lesson: *All sit.*

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: (After the Reading) The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Teaching (*First teacher speaks 2-3 minutes*)

Children's Creed: *All stand.*

All: **We believe in God,
 who made us and made everything.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
 who is God's son.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 who helps us grow. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: *All kneel.*

Leader: We pray for our clergy: Dean Beverly, and Father Eric, and everyone in the church.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the world, so we can live in peace.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our families, that your love may fill our hearts.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and we give thanks for those who help them.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Confession: *Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.*

All: **Forgive us Lord,
 for the things we have done
 that were not kind and good.
Forgive us Lord, and help us try
 to do the things that we should. Amen.**

Leader: Thank you God for hearing us. We know that you forgive us.

We know that Jesus loves us. We know that the Holy Spirit keeps us in God's care. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

All: **Oh, Lord Jesus, I praise you this day.
 I give myself to you this day.
 I ask you to help me this day. Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Leader: We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

At this time Sunday School activity occurs.

Children are walked to the undercroft for art activity.

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*