



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Song

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong
Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to the Lord.

Collect for Purity

Prepare our hearts to worship God. Open our minds and hearts. **Amen.**

Collect for the Day

Loving God, we thank you for bringing us together today. Be with us as we hear your word and help us to learn about how we can give to you. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

This reading from the Bible was written after the birth of Jesus. In the lesson, Jesus teaches us to be more like Him.

In this season after Pentecost, we hear stories of Jesus' ministry in the world and our call to engage in that mission. This season is also known as Ordinary Time coming from the word "ordinal" which means counted time. This time is not ordinary as in common or regular, but it is the time of counted weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The color for this season is green and it is often referred to as the green growing time as we hear stories of what God is calling us to do in the world. The theme for today's lesson is "Giving to God."

As explanation before today's lesson, in Jesus' time, you had to pay taxes with a coin that had the image of the Emperor, Caesar on it and an inscription that read "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest." The Jewish community saw this as offensive because it was saying that the emperor was a high priest. These coins bore the image of the emperor.

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-22

In this parable, people who opposed Jesus and his message are trying to entrap him. This is the first of three exchanges between the Jewish leaders and Jesus. The lesson begins with them buttering Jesus up, and then asking a question that they thought would show that he was speaking out against the government so that he could get arrested. However, Jesus does not fall for it and calls them to the test instead.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Creed: *All stand.*

All: **We believe in God / Who made us and 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 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 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.**

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

All: **Dear God / I am sorry that I have done things, / and I should not have done. / I ask you to forgive me / for hurting friends and those I love. / Please help me to do better. / Thank you, God, for your love. 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

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

All: **And also with you.**

Song

River of Life

I've got a river of life flowing out of me!
Makes the lame to walk, and the blind to see.
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free!
I've got a river of life flowing out of me!

Spring up, O well, within my soul!
Spring up, O well, and make me whole!
Spring up, O well, and give to me
That life abundantly.

Activity

Using a clothes hanger, help your children make a mobile. Use pieces of paper in the shapes of hearts or circles and have your children write or draw on them the ways that they can give back to God (let them brainstorm first.) Attach the pieces of papers already decorated to the hanger using string, yarn or thread and hang the mobile somewhere your child can see it often so they can always remember what they can do to give back to God.