



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

Sunday, September 13, 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**

Merciful and loving God, as we prepare to hear your word today, we thank you for your continued loving presence and your generous forgiveness. May your words and message touch our hearts, minds and soul that we may live as you have taught us to live. **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 "Forgiveness."

This week's lesson follows on the heels of Jesus teaching on how we are all to humble ourselves as children in order to enter the Kingdom of God, on how we are to look for the lost sheep if there is one lost, and how we are to solve conflicts in our communities. This section of Matthew deals with how Jesus calls us to live together in community.

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave!

I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Here are a few questions that you may answer at home:

I wonder who you think the King might be in this story?

I wonder how the servant felt when he was forgiven his debt?

I wonder what you think this might mean for God's forgiveness for us?

*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**

*Forgive One Another*

Forgive, forgive, forgive one another,  
this is what we should do.

Forgive, forgive, forgive one another,  
even as God has forgiven you.

**Activity**

Make a forgiveness bracelet out of red yarn or red embroidery thread (red is the color for love). Add beads to your bracelet: Green for growth and new life, Blue for the water of baptism.