



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
Sunday, January 10, 2021

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 of the Day:

Thank you, God, for Baby Jesus, the angels and the shepherds. Thank you for giving us all this—because you love us. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

Today we have a story about a grown-up Jesus. Today Jesus gets to meet his cousin, John. John's work was baptizing people and getting them ready to hear Jesus' message. Jesus has not been baptized. So he comes to John and asks him to baptize him. Together they walked into the river. And when Jesus was baptized, both John and Jesus heard God say: "I am so glad you are my son!" Today's theme is "Where is the Child".

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, God: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

I want to tell you that Jesus did very few things all by himself. He asked others to help him. John helped Jesus today. Jesus is telling us that he is loved by God, and so are we. How could we show other people that they too are loved by God? What if we all, this week, looked for people who seemed kind of sad and we smiled at them until they could smile back?

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

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory

Great things He has done

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

Come to the Father

Through Jesus the Son

Give Him the glory

Great things He has done

Oh yes

Activity

Tell your children the story of their Baptism. Describe the place, and the priest, and how they behaved during the service. Remind them that they have been marked as Christ's own forever.