



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, March 21, 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 making seeds. Thank you for the things seeds grow into when they are planted. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

This is the last Sunday of Lent. Jesus is trying to tell his followers what will happen on Good Friday. Jesus says, "The hour has almost arrived for 'the Son of Man to be glorified.'" Whatever could he mean, his disciples wonder? Jesus has a story that will help the people begin to understand what will happen on Good Friday and Easter. Jesus is telling the apostles that he will die and be raised from the dead. Jesus assures us that when he is lifted up from the earth he will draw all people to himself. Today's theme is "Bearing much Fruit."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus was talking to his friends and to some people who were trying to figure out just who Jesus was. Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." No one could figure out what he meant. So he thought a minute and said this: "You have seen seeds, right?" "When you look at this seed, it doesn't look like it has any life in it at all, does it? But if the seed dies – if it is planted in the earth – green shoots will come out in a few days."

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.**

The Lord's Prayer (During Lent we are saying the Lord's Prayer)

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

Isn't He Wonderful

Isn't He Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful

Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

Eyes have seen, ears have heard

It's recorded in God's Word

Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

Isn't He Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful

Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

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Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

Activity

Tell your child that Jesus being raised from the dead is like a buried seed becoming a plant. In a small pot plant about a teaspoon of grass seeds. Tell the children that we will sprinkle a little soil on top of the seeds. The seeds need to be buried pretty close to the surface. About 1/4 of an inch is best – deeper will take the seeds longer to sprout. What else do the seeds need? Water, of course. Help your child remember to water the soil whenever it feels dry.