



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, August 16, 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 ask you to be with us as we explore what your words mean for us and for others. Help us to grow in our belief in you and not be afraid to tell others of your power and love. **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: "Words from our Heart."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 15:10-28

Our story begins today with Jesus calling the crowd to him and telling them to listen to what he is about to say, because it is important. He reminded them that they have many rules about what they can or cannot eat and many people get so worried about following those rules that they forget what is really important. He said, "What goes into the mouth (like food) is not what makes people ruined or bad, but it is what comes out of their mouth that can ruin them." The disciples did not understand and were worried about who might have been upset by him saying this. Jesus told them not to worry about those who were upset. Peter asked for Jesus to tell them what the story meant so that they could better understand. Jesus said, "Whatever we eat goes into the stomach and is digested and it cannot ruin us. But the things that come out of our mouths come from the heart. These words can ruin people if they are mean or evil. The evil and mean words can ruin them and those around them.

In this story, Jesus was reminding the people around them that words come from our heart, from our soul. These are the things that tell others about who we are and what is important to us. Our words can tell people of love and kindness and Jesus' power or they can be mean and rude and hurtful.

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

Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day.
In every way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play.

Follow-Up Activity

Give your children a half-sheet of paper and invite them to write words or draw pictures that tell about what their heart would say to Jesus. What words would they use if they were talking to Jesus? What would it look like?

When they are done, invite them to practice using their words of love and kindness to show the love and kindness in their hearts. Invite them to say one thing in love and kindness about Jesus. After they are done, you can also say kind words to one another.