



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 29, 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 God; Father, Son, and Spirit..

Collect for Purity:

Let's prepare our hearts to worship God. Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Thank you, God, for letting us be together today, and thank you for being right here with us. **Amen.**

The Lesson: *All sit.*

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the green season after Pentecost which runs until after Thanksgiving. As we take this journey, we are invited to be on the lookout for all the blessings found in the ordinary—to see God at work here and now. In Ordinary Time we will probably encounter some out-of-the-ordinary events in our own lives and possibly even in our life together as the Cathedral Family. The gift of this time is finding the hidden blessings amid the ordinary occurrences. And we are asked to share our blessings with others. Today's theme is "What Does Defile?"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

The story today is about some people who really wanted to get it right. These people were in charge of the temple, the place people went to worship God. These people always washed their hands before they ate and they had special ways to wash each of the cups and pans in their kitchens. Jesus tells these people that they are worrying about the wrong things. Jesus tells these people that it is much more important to God what we say and what we do. Washing hands is good, and washing cups and pans is good. But being careful about what we say and what we do is more important. Things we do and things we say to other people can really hurt them.

This is the end of the lesson so I say: The Word of the Lord.

And you say:

Thanks be to God.

Children's Creed: *All stand.*

All: **We believe in God / Who made us and made 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, Father Eric, 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 we 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, / that 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.**

Help us to always remember that you are at the center of our family and you call us into a larger family. Amen

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Activity

Let each child select a piece of construction paper and some crayons or markers. Invite the children to help you illustrate some class rules so we can do and say things that will help us work together. Ask the children what some rules might be. Suggest, "How about 'Listen to each other' and 'Share with each other'?" Try to get the children to give you examples of these types of behavior. Ask the children, "What can we do when we goof up?" Suggest, "How about if we say, 'I'm sorry'?"

When the children have completed drawing the rules of behavior on their construction paper, hang the posters where you and the children will be able to see them.