



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
Sunday, January 31, 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, wanting us to be your helpers. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

We are in the season after Christmas called Epiphany. Epiphany means several things: a gift is received; the gift must be shared. Jesus appears to be suggesting a rhythm, a balance to our lives. We go inward to be with God, to receive; we go out in the world to share what we have been given—still with God. This good news that was for the apostles who heard Jesus is ours because they reached out and shared it. How does Jesus teach the apostles? Does he send them off to school? No. He shows them. He models the behavior that will form disciples. He teaches with authority. He is right where they are. He heals and he speaks powerfully: as one with authority. Today's theme is "Who is this Jesus?"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus had some friends to help him. They wanted to know what they should do to help. So, the first thing Jesus did was walk with his friends, walk all the way to their church. (It was called a synagogue.) Jesus got up and read the stories from the Bible. They did not have a book, like we do; the words were written on a scroll. (Show what you have brought.) Jesus explained what all the hard words meant. And his disciples said: "I get it!" There was a man at church who needed help. His body was not working well, so Jesus simply put his hand on the man's shoulder and healed him. "Wow!" said all the people. "This man is special." And they told all their friends.

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

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!

Eyes have seen, ears have heard

It's recorded in God's Word

Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

Activity

A story without words. Ask the children to think out loud with you, at first, so they can "tell" this story with actions – not words. Some questions to get them started: •Did Jesus drive his friends to church in his car? (No, of course not. They did not have cars, they walked.) Did someone read the story from a book? (No, they used a scroll.) Who gave the sermon? (Jesus.) What did the man need? (He needed to be healed.) What did Jesus do? (Jesus put his hand on the man's shoulder and the man got well.)

Take two paper towel rolls to use as dowels and using paper create a scroll. Have your child draw a picture of Jesus in the synagogue.