



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Palm Sunday, March 28, 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 Jesus who did what you asked him to do. Help us to do what we need to do to follow Jesus. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

Do you see anything different about the altar today? We have palms on the altar because it is Palm Sunday! Palm Sunday we celebrate just like that day long ago when Jesus came to Jerusalem. People were excited to see him and they waved palm fronds. Today's theme is "Walk with Jesus."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

It was time to have a special party for Passover. Passover was the time people celebrated their freedom. Years ago they had been slaves and now they were free so each year they had a special party to help them remember that now they were free. Where shall we have this party? Jesus' friends asked him. Here is what Jesus said: Go into town. Look for a man carrying a jar of water. He will take you to the house we will use for the party. It was very easy to find this man. In Jesus' time, men almost never carried jars of water—that was considered women's work. There was only one man who was carrying a jar of water. Jesus' friends came to the party with Jesus. We don't know for sure all they had to eat, but it was a very good meal. After supper, Jesus did something that the friends would never forget. Jesus took a loaf of bread. Jesus told them this would be the last time they would all have supper together, but he wanted them to remember this night and remember him. So, he broke off pieces of the bread and gave a piece to each of his friends. He said: "this is my body." He also told them that whenever they ate bread like this, Jesus would be there with them. Then he took a cup with wine in it. He told them to drink from the cup and each time we do it, Jesus will be right there with us.

This week is called Holy Week because it is the week we remember what Jesus did. Do you know what sacrifice means? It means giving up something very important—to get something even more important. Jesus was killed. The leaders were sure he was saying things that were not true, and they thought they needed to kill him. So, on the day we call Good Friday, Jesus was killed. And all his friends were so very sad. They were so sad they forgot that he had told them that he would be "lifted up." We call that Resurrection. Now, when people die, they go to be with Jesus. Next week we celebrate that good news and we call next Sunday "Easter."

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

Walking with Jesus

Walking with Jesus, Walking everyday,
Walking all the way. Walking with Jesus,
Walking with Jesus today.
Walking in the sunshine, Walking in the rain,
Walking everyday, Walking all the way.
Walking in the sunshine, Walking in the rain,
Walking with Jesus today.

Activity

Do you remember talking about bread and wine in church? We share it every Sunday in church. Teach We are going to learn this passage today. It is called Sanctus which means "Holy".

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Have your children wave palm fronds while they learn the Sanctus.