

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 13, 2022: Simeon's Blessing

Joy to the World vs. 1, 3

(The crucifer / acolyte and second teacher light candles as children sing song)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity:

Leader: Now is a time to calm our bodies, collect our thoughts, and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. Amen.

Collect of the Day:

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for giving us stories that show us that you love us. Amen.

The Lesson: All sit.

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 2:28-35

Simeon took him in Jesus arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Leader: (After the Reading) The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Teaching (Officiant speaks 2-3 minutes)

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 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. Amen.

Confession: Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.

All: Forgive us Lord,

for the things we have done that were not kind and good. Forgive us Lord, and help us try

to do the things that we should. 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 All stand.

Leader: We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

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

All: And also with you.

At this time Sunday School activity occurs.

Children are walked to the undercroft for art activity.

At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.