



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday, September 12, 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, Jesus, for loving us and showing us who you are, and also thank you for loving us and for showing us things we can do for you. **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 "If You Want to Become My Followers"

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his friends are walking along a road. It is probably hot, and the road is dusty. His friends are talking to each other—probably saying things like: "Are we almost there yet? I am thirsty!" Then, Jesus stops walking and turns to his friends. "Who do people say that I am?" And his friends tell him that people are not sure, but they think he just might be John the Baptist or Elijah the Prophet. "Hmm," says Jesus. "Who do YOU say that I am?" They were pretty sure about this, so they said: "The Messiah." Who is the Messiah? Well, for thousands of years, people hoped the Messiah would come and be a good king and take care of them. "Hmm," said Jesus. "OK, but it is not going to be the way you think. I am not going to be a fancy king. In fact, I am going to get killed for what I am telling you. But I will not stay dead. After three days, I will be alive again. So, if you want to be one of my followers, you need to keep remembering to do the things I do."

*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**

Engage the children in conversation as you do this activity, drawing out of the children who they say Jesus is. Be sure they hear you say things such as "Jesus loves us," "Jesus helps us do hard things," and "Jesus knows when we are sad, and he knows when we are happy."

Help the children create a cross to take home. Using the supplies you have, help them to decorate their crosses.