



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 19, 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 each of us, just as we are. Thank you for welcoming children. Thank you for the people who welcome 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 "Welcome the Children"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus is trying to get his friends to understand what was going to happen. He wanted to tell them that he was going to be killed but that he was not going to stay dead, which is pretty hard to understand. His friends had to try to figure out what he was saying. "Die? Oh no!" "Not stay dead? How?" Their heads were sore from thinking about it so they started to argue with each other. "I'm the greatest!" said Peter. "No, I'm the greatest!" said John. Then all of them got into the argument. When Jesus asked them what they were arguing about, no one said anything; they felt very silly. But Jesus had heard them. "Ok," Jesus said, "If you want to be the greatest, then you must treat others as if they are greater than you, you must love and help others." And then he asked a young child to come sit on his lap. "This is how you get to be great: by welcoming a child."

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

Ask the children to think of people who are glad when they see them. Maybe their parents and grandparents? Ask them if there are people they know in church who greet them and listen to them. Give the children paper and crayons and ask them to draw a person who welcomes them.

Then ask the children to be on the lookout for someone they could welcome. It might be someone all alone after church. Ask them to be on the lookout for people Jesus would want us to welcome.