



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021: The birth of John the Baptist

This little light of mine

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

This little light of mine / I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine / I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine / I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

All around the neighborhood / I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood / I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood

I'm going to let it shine / Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! / I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! / I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! / I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

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.**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: *All sit.*

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire

hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, ‘What then will this child become?’ For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Teaching *(First teacher speaks 2-3 minutes)*

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. 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 Chapter House 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.*