



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

Sunday, March 7, 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 our church. Lots of people work to make it possible for us to go to Church, have Children's Chapel, get babies baptized, and people married. Thank you for the people who take care of our church. **Amen.**

### *All sit.*

### **The Lesson:**

It is the season of Lent. During Lent we again go inward—in preparation, just like during Advent. Lent lasts for 5 Sundays, and ends with Palm Sunday and Easter. Our lesson this week teaches us that often the learning comes after the event. Jesus teaches with elements that have immediate impact as well as lingering meaning. And they are usually unexpected. So, with Passover looming, Jesus goes into the busy temple and proceeds to clean house. "Take these things out of here!" he demands of the money changers, the animal merchants. Then he announces: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." A temple that took 46 years to build? Could he mean the temple God has been building since the beginning of time? Today's theme is "Cleaning the Temple."

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

*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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (During Lent we will say the Lord's Prayer)**

### **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**

*What a Mighty God We Serve*  
What a mighty God we serve  
Angels bow before Him  
Heaven and earth adore Him  
What a mighty God we serve  
He holds the winds in His hand  
And He is the great I am  
He is the bright and morning star  
And without Him I would fall  
Angels bow before Him  
Heaven and earth adore Him  
What a mighty God we serve  
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### **Activity**

Invite your child to draw the temple as a mess—before Jesus got there or what it looked like after Jesus cleaned it up. Or, they could draw a picture of what our church looks like. You draw along with them and engage them in conversation about what they are drawing. You could ask them what kinds of things go on INSIDE our church (especially if you have been unable to attend church.)