



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
Sunday, December 6, 2020

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.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

This reading from the Bible was written after the birth of Jesus. In the lesson, Jesus teaches us to be more like Him.

During the season of Advent we are waiting for the birth of Baby Jesus. We light a candle each week to show the birth of Jesus is coming nearer.

Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for letting us worship today. Help us to stay alert and prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent season. **Amen.**

Today's theme is "Prepare the Way."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8

Today we have a story about a man named John. He was called John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus, he dressed in camel's hair and lived off the land. His was a message from the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord." "Stop," John was saying. "Look at yourself and your life. Make a fresh start. Begin again. Come, be baptized. Someone is coming to lead the way. My job is to point to that someone." John the Baptist wanted people to know they could do better. They could stop doing things that hurt other people and hurt themselves. And John wanted people to know that someone very special was coming soon. When people came to listen to John, he would ask them if they would like to get baptized. Lots of people wanted to get baptized. John baptized Jesus. You can see a picture of the Baptism of Jesus in the window in the church.

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.**

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

I Want to Be Ready to walk in Jerusalem like John

I want to be ready, I want to be ready, I want to be ready

To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Oh John, oh John, what do you say?

Walk in Jerusalem just like John.

That I'll be there at the coming day.

Walk in Jerusalem just like John.

I want to be ready, I want to be ready, I want to be ready

To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Activity

Set out a bowl of water and tell your child the story of their own Baptism. Then dip your fingers in the water and say, "(child's name), you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**"

Have your child mark your forehead and say the prayer.