



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022: Joseph takes Mary in and The Road to Bethlehem

#### *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

**Refrain:** 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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Everywhere I go / I'm going to let it shine

Everywhere I go / I'm going to let it shine. **Refrain**

*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.**

#### **The Lesson: *All sit.***

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 1:24-25

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife to his home, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

*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, and 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.*