



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, May 9, 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 choosing to love each of us. Thank you for wanting each of us to be your happy child.
Amen.

All sit.

The Lesson:

God's love for us helps us to love him. God's joy in us makes us joyful. Today we are invited to be part of God's team—to be his friends, and no longer his servants. God has looked each one of us in the eye and said, "You did not choose me but I chose you." Chosen, by God, to bear the fruit of love. Today's theme is "Abide in my Love."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus is talking to his friends. Maybe he asked them this question: "Do you think God loves Jesus?" What do you think? Do you think God loves Jesus just a little bit or a whole lot? Well, everyone agreed that God loves Jesus a whole lot. Jesus said to his friends that the 'whole lot' that God loves Jesus is how much Jesus loves us—a whole lot. So, since Jesus loves me a whole lot, and Jesus loves you a whole lot, we are all connected. So, what does Jesus expect us to do? We need to do the things he told us to do: to love God, to love each other. If we do these things we will have joy. Do you know what joy is? It is a word for "happy" that is even happier than happy. What happy things can you think of? (Help them come up with happy things: Birthday cake, splashing in a puddle, holding a puppy, etc.) Well joy is like all those things at once. And you know what? God wants us to have joy—and gives us joy even during sad times because Jesus loves us so much.

This is the end of the lesson so I say:

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And you say:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.
Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to bring peace to the world.**

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Activity

Jesus loves each one of us. Invite the children to draw a picture of themselves and decorate it. Then add their pictures to your Easter wall or to your mobile.